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PP to win snap election in Madrid region: poll

Madrid.— Spain's main opposition Popular Party is poised to win May 4's snap election in the key Madrid region, probably returning conservative Isabel Diaz Ayuso to power there in a blow to the leftist central government, an opinion poll showed yesterday.

Ayuso has clashed with the

government on issues from social policies to the COVID-19 pandemic response, notably keeping bars and shops open to support Madrid's services-heavy economy, while other regions have shut non-essential activities.

The vote in the region around the capital, Spain's wealthiest, is seen as a mid-

term test for the country's fragmented political class.

The survey by Metroscopia pollsters showed Ayuso's PP winning 59 seats in the 136-seat regional assembly, up from 30 in the 2019 election, which means she would still need the support of the far-right party Vox to secure a majority.

Spain confirms two journalists killed in ambush

TWO Spanish citizens and an Irish national who went missing after an armed ambush on an anti-poaching patrol in eastern Burkina Faso on Monday have been found dead, three senior Burkina Faso security sources said yesterday.

Spain's foreign minister said that two of the bodies appear to be those of two Spanish journalists abducted while filming a documentary in the West African state, although authorities were awaiting final confirmation.

"The situation is confusing," Arancha Gonzalez Laya told a news conference, adding that she was in constant contact with Burkinabe authorities, who had shared information via Spain's embassy in Mali.

Ireland's foreign ministry said late on Monday it was aware of reports about the attack and was liaising closely with international partners. A spokesman for the Burkina Faso government said a statement would be released soon.

The three senior Burkina Faso security sources with direct knowledge of the matter requested anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media.

A member of the Burkinabe armed forces is still missing following the ambush, one of the sources said.

No one has claimed responsibility for Monday's daytime attack on a road leading to the vast forested reserve of Pama.



From Manacor to the Premiership via Watford

FRANCISCO Muñoz from Manacor is the toast of Watford after guiding them to the Premiership in a tough promotional battle. Muñoz, who played for Real Mallorca, is looking forward to the challenge of managing in the Premiership next season. Muñoz, may never be as well known as that other famous son of Manacor, tennis ace Rafa Nadal, but for Watford fans he is a miracle man.

A full interview with Francisco Munoz will appear in Sunday's newspaper.

Balearic government strategy will get islands on Britain's Green List: minister

● The Balearic government says that their present strategy should mean that the

islands are included on the British government's green list.

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