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RUSSIA OPPOSES MILITARY STRIKE

Pressure mounting on Obama at G20

U.S. President Barack Obama faced growing pressure from world leaders not to launch military strikes in Syria yesterday at a summit on the global economy that was eclipsed by the conflict. The Group of 20 (G20) developed and developing economies met in St. Petersburg to try forge a united front on economic growth, trade, banking transparency and fighting tax evasion. But the club that accounts for two thirds of the world's population and 90 percent of its output is divided over issues ranging from the U.S. Federal Reserve's decision to end its programme of stimulus for the economy to the civil war in Syria. Russian President Vladimir Putin wants to use the meeting in a seafront tsarist palace to talk Obama out of military action against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.



Putin and Obama at G20.

Battle over residence permit may move to Brussels



Calvia council looks set to pass a motion calling on the European Union to scrap green residence certificate for non-Spanish EU residents.

Calvia.—The Calvia council is looking at the possibility of taking the thorny issue of the green residence certificate, which most non-Spanish Europeans consider to be useless, to the European Union in Brussels. Councillor Angela Guerrero, who writes a column in Saturday's *Bulletin*, said that she would be holding talks with her fellow councillors and seek their views on this issue. Angie has been working long and hard

for the Spanish authorities to scrap the "green certificate" and reintroduce our old style residence cards which also serve as identity documents. The biggest complaint about the "green certificate" is that it is not valid identification.

This issue unites the non-Spanish community in Calvia which almost represents 20 percent of the population.

Madrid says economic crisis ending, can afford 2020 Games

Madrid.—Madrid's Olympic bid team said last night that Spain's debilitating economic crisis is ending and the country will have no problem covering investments and rallying support at home to host the 2020 games.

Madrid hopes to convince the International Olympic Committee (IOC) that it is best suited to stage the most expensive sports event in the world, despite the thousands who have protested austerity measures in the capital city in recent years.

IOC members will vote for either Madrid, Istanbul or Tokyo on Saturday in Buenos Aires.

"The economic crisis is starting to get better," Madrid Mayor Ana Botella told reporters at a press conference, adding that 90 percent of the infrastructure needed to host the event is already in place.

"The amount we would have to invest over seven years is very small compared to the budget of the state, the autonomous community of Madrid and the city hall," she said.

Spain has been in and out of an economic recession since a property boom ended in 2008, but Spanish officials have taken a bullish tone in recent weeks as data suggest the country could be on the verge of a turnaround.

Madrid's current bid, its third in a row after failed attempts for the 2012 and 2016 editions, comes as Spaniards are struggling with slashed wages and benefits and an unemployment rate of around 25 percent.

But bid chief Alejandro Blanco said a recent poll conducted in August found 91 percent of Spaniards now support Madrid as Olympic host - up from 81 percent in a different poll in March.

"This shows that support in Spain for our candidacy is practically unanimous," said Blanco

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