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18 Balearic MPs to be axed to save twelve million euros

- Balearic President outlines plans to downsize the local parliament in a cost-cutting move.
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Cameron: Syria, Russia must show chemical arms proposal is genuine

London.—British Prime Minister David Cameron wants Russia and Syria to demonstrate that a Moscow-backed proposal for President Bashar al-Assad to put his chemical weapons under international control is genuine, Cameron's spokesman said yesterday.

"The onus is very much now on the Russian government and the Assad regime to follow up in a way to show that the initiative is a serious and genuine offer," the spokesman said, adding many serious questions remained to be answered. Cameron said on Monday that Syria should be encouraged to go along with the plan, but warned the world to make sure the idea was not a tactic to delay a U.S. response to a suspected chemical weapons attack on 21 August. On Tuesday, his spokesman said the world's response to that attack could not drag on indefinitely. **See Page Ten**

Stuck on the rails in central Palma



A nervous new driver got the fright of his life yesterday after his car got caught between the rails of the Soller train in the centre of Palma. The vehicle became trapped as the driver changed lane. Luckily, the alarm was raised and the driver of the in-coming Soller train was told of the danger ahead.



Bar Turismo, Elena Davis and the English Library in Soller: Page 3

RAIL DISASTER INVESTIGATION

Chairman to testify

● A judge investigating Spain's worst train accident in decades has ordered the current chairman of state rail company Adif and his two predecessors to testify to his inquiry, according to a court order published yesterday. Judge Luis Alaez had already put safety officials at Adif under formal investigation after a train crashed on the outskirts of Santiago de Compostela in the northwestern region of Galicia in July, killing 79 people.

While Alaez has named speed as the main cause of the accident, he wrote in the court order that the Adif bosses and board members must prove they did their job to ensure safety since the high-speed line was opened.