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PM Rajoy: I will not discuss the unity of Spain



Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy; talks yes, but unity as well.

SPANISH Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said on Monday he was ready to collaborate with the next Catalan government and hold talks on a wide range of issues but always "within the law." Catalan separatists said

they had won a mandate to move forward with independence and called on the government on Monday to accept a democratic referendum on the issue.

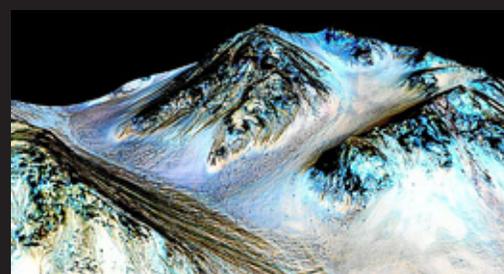
"There are many things that can be discussed. But while I am the presi-

dent of the government, I will not discuss the unity of Spain, the national sovereignty or the freedom of all Spaniards," he told journalists at a press conference. "I am ready to listen but I am not ready to get rid of the law," he also said. **See Inside**



● "Catalans have voted yes to independence," acting regional government head Artur Mas told supporters, with secessionist parties securing 72 out of 135 seats in the powerful region of 7.5 million people that includes Barcelona.

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