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Ruling PP extends poll lead but Socialists on the rise

● Centrist party Ciudadanos is now likely to be the main kingmaker in the election by coming third.

● Spain's ruling Partido Popular would win a general election with 29.1 percent of the vote if it was held today, extending an earlier poll lead of 28.2 percent, an official survey showed yesterday.

However, support for the Socialist Party (PSOE) also rose to 25.3 percent from 24.9 percent in the last Sociological Research Centre (CIS) poll in August, putting it in a position to potentially form a government coalition with newcomer party

Ciudadanos after a general election on 20 December. Ciudadanos climbed to 14.7 percent from 11.1 percent.

Leftist Podemos, which came second in the same survey earlier this year and was seen as a potential election winner, is seen falling to fourth place at 10.8 percent from 15.7 percent in August.

Coming third in the election is especially important because Spain's electoral law makes difficult for more than three parties to obtain

significant parliamentary representation.

This means that centrist Ciudadanos is now likely to be the main kingmaker in the election, something that may soothe market concerns about a potential Greek-style leftist government in the euro zone's fourth-biggest economy.

The new situation however leaves the door wide open on whether a centre-right or a centre-left government may rule in Spain over the next four years and does

not entirely remove fears of political instability as Ciudadanos may not win enough votes to secure a stable majority for the PP or the PSOE.

Backing for Ciudadanos has jumped after it made big headway in a regional election in Catalonia in September to become the second biggest group in the assembly there.

The poll was based on 2,493 interviews made across Spain between 1 and 12 October, just after the Catalan vote.



BRITAIN Prince Harry yesterday morning paid his respects to British soldiers who fought in the First and Second World Wars, ahead of Remembrance Sunday.

He was joined at the 87th Field of Remembrance by the Dean of Westminster and his grandfather, the Duke of Edinburgh.

The president of the Royal British Legion Poppy Factory, Sara Jones, was also there as Harry and Prince Philip lay their crosses of remembrance, in front of two

wooden crosses from the graves of unknown British soldiers.

The Last Post was played, followed by a two-minute silence at 11am.

The first Field of Remembrance was held in November 1928, when only two remembrance tribute crosses were planted. The tradition has since grown and grown over the decades with plots now containing more than 100,000 crosses.

Each tribute carries a personal message to someone who lost their life.

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