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Your Festive What's On Guide of events: See Pages 15 to 17 Inside



Record temperatures for November.

## A warmer winter forecast for Balearics

● Islands are on course for a "pleasant" low season with higher temperatures. ● **See Page Five.**



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### Labour MPs to get free vote on Syria

London.—Britain's main opposition Labour Party said yesterday it would allow its lawmakers to vote according to their consciences on launching air strikes against Islamic State militants in Syria.

In a statement, the party said Labour's shadow cabinet, whose members hold portfolios mirroring those of the government, "agreed to back (Labour leader) Jeremy Corbyn's recommendation of a free vote on the government's proposal to authorise UK bombing in Syria."

Prime Minister David Cameron needs to persuade several Labour members to win parliamentary approval for joining the air strikes against Islamic State, which claimed responsibility for killing 130 people in Paris earlier this month.

### Spain's Ciudadanos overtakes Socialists ahead of television debate

**S**PAIN'S ruling People's Party (PP) held on to its lead in an opinion poll three weeks before a national election but new party Ciudadanos overtook the Socialists (PSOE) to move into second place.

The latest poll was published yesterday ahead of the first live debate by leading candidates.

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has declined to participate in the debate, however, leaving the stage to three other

leaders - the Socialists' Pedro Sanchez, Ciudadanos' Albert Rivera and left-wing Podemos' Pablo Iglesias.

Rajoy, who has been criticised for not joining the *El Pais*-sponsored event, will instead take part in a television interview at exactly the same time last night

*El Pais* declined the prime minister's offer to send his deputy Soraya Saenz de Santamaria to fill his shoes during the online discussion. Official election campaigning for the m 20 December election begins on Friday. Spain's traditional

main two parties, the Socialists and the PP, have seen their support fall after years of soaring unemployment and corruption scandals.

The electorate is turning to new alternatives, including Ciudadanos, which is business friendly though liberal on social issues, and Podemos, whose anti-austerity stance struck a chord as Spain struggled through recession. The *El Mundo* poll, conducted by Sigma Dos, showed the PP would still win 27.1 percent of the vote while Ciudadanos,

whose campaign carried an anti-corruption message, would come second with 23 percent. The poll, conducted from 24-25 November between 1,500 voters, comes a day after a *Metroscopia* poll in *El Pais* showed a three-way tie between the PP, PSOE and Ciudadanos. According to the Sigma Dos poll, the PSOE would win 20.2 percent of the vote followed by Podemos with 16.2 percent. Such a result would leave the PP in need a partner to gain a majority in parliament, with Ciudadanos the obvious candidate.