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CELEBRATES A
“HISTORIC
VICTORY” FROM
THE BALCONY OF
THE ECUADORIAN
EMBASSY IN
LONDON**

BULLFIGHTING IN MAJORCA ABOUT TO BECOME HISTORY

● Major debate in Parliament tabled to take place this Tuesday: **see page 3**

CARNIVAL FEVER!



● **Carnival fever has started to grip the island ahead of this weekend's massive parades through Palma and across Majorca: full coverage in Sunday's paper.**

Podemos threat to the Socialists

MADRID. Spain's anti-austerity Podemos party said yesterday it would only start negotiations to form a government with the Socialists and end months of political deadlock if leader Pedro Sanchez abandoned talks with the centrist Ciudadanos.

The stance, taken by Podemos leader Pablo Iglesias, threw up a road block to Sanchez' attempts to win support for a viable coalition, only days after he was formally nominated to try to replace the centre-right Partido Popular.

It also supposes further delays in what has already been a drawn-out process that risks eventually weighing on the country's economic recovery.

Spain was plunged into political uncertainty after an inconclusive election in December in which no party won a majority of seats. Newer parties, particularly Podemos and Ciudadanos,

grabbed votes from mainstream rivals.

Iglesias said if Sanchez wanted a pact with Podemos he would have to stop talks with Ciudadanos, who came fourth in the December general election and whose leader Albert Rivera, who he sees as cut from the same cloth as the old ruling party.

“An agreement with Ciudadanos would be an indirect agreement with the PP,” he told a news conference. “We are not going to help support a right-wing government.”

“Our negotiating team will be ready as soon as the Socialists opt for a government of progress,” he added.

Sanchez, who has signalled he favoured a coalition of leftist parties, called at a separate news conference yesterday for Iglesias to reconsider his position if he wanted to prevent a second term for acting Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.