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# SPAIN HEADS FOR A NEW GENERAL ELECTION

**S**PAIN'S political parties yesterday ruled out last-minute talks to secure a parliamentary majority and form a government, making it virtually inevitable that there will be a new election in June. Spain has been without a government since an inconclusive December election and King Felipe VI is due to meet all parties next week in a last-ditch attempt to strike a deal.

But Acting Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, whose People's Party (PP) came first in the December vote although well short of a majority, said yesterday he would tell the king he did not have enough support to form a government. The election led to the most fragmented parliament in Spain's modern history, with the PP winning 123 seats in the 350-seat lower house, the Socialists 90, anti-austerity Podemos 69 and Ciudadanos 40.

Rajoy also said Socialist leader Pedro Sanchez was to blame for the stalemate. "Pedro Sanchez can avert the elections. I call him once more to work on a grand coalition government that would bring stability to Spain," he tweeted.



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