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UK voters shift towards “Leave” as EU vote approaches - ICM poll

London.—British voters have shifted towards voting to leave the European Union in next month’s referendum according to two surveys by polling firm ICM published yesterday, surprising investors and sending sterling sharply lower.

A telephone poll for the *Guardian* newspaper showed 45 percent of respondents favoured leaving the EU compared with 42 percent who said they would vote to stay in the bloc.

Telephone polls have tended to give the Remain campaign a comfortable

lead over those wanting to vote to leave the 28-member bloc. A previous ICM telephone poll published on May 16 showed the Remain side holding an eight percentage-point lead.

ICM said the telephone poll was their first phone poll to put the Leave campaign in the lead.

Online polls have largely suggested a tighter race but a weekly online poll by ICM - separate to its phone survey - which was also published on Tuesday showed voters favoured Britain leaving the EU by 47 percent to 44 percent.

ZERO TOLERANCE



- Police launch crackdown on anti-social behaviour in the resorts and also target illegal sales people.
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French court rules woman can use dead husband’s sperm

A Spanish woman won the right to use her dead husband’s frozen sperm to try to have a baby when France’s top administrative court upheld her appeal yesterday.

Mariana Gomez-Turri’s Italian husband, who died of cancer aged 30 last year, had his sperm frozen

before starting chemotherapy. At the time the couple lived in Paris, making the case subject to French law.

Artificial insemination in France is limited to sterile couples and Gomez-Turri was initially told by the authorities that she could not have the frozen sperm transferred to Spain,

where she now lives. She appealed to the Council of State, which ruled that while the law did not violate human rights in general, hers was a special case “because of the very specific circumstances ... and her late husband’s illness, which prevented them carrying out their plans to have a child.”

Spanish police arrest man accused of promoting Islamist militancy

Madrid.—Spanish police arrested a man from Pakistan in Barcelona yesterday accused of promoting Islamist militancy via social media, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The man had been promoting the actions of various groups operating in the conflict zones of Syria and Iraq, especially Islamic State, the ministry said. Including yesterday’s arrests, Spain has detained 24 people so far this year with suspected links to Islamist militancy.