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Council gives full backing to Branson plan: See Inside Today

SUPER YACHT CITY



The super yacht, *Royal Romance*, sailed into Palma yesterday joining a list of some of the world's biggest yachts which are now sailing in Balearic waters. *Royal Romance*, is 92 metres long and is owned by Ukranian billionaire Viktor Medvedchuk.

Government on hold again

Madrid.—Major parties holding the balance of power in Spain declined to support plans for a conservative-led government in talks with the King yesterday, dashing hopes of a quick end to a seven-month political stalemate. National elections in December and June both resulted in hung parliaments, forcing the parties to try to negotiate their way to a viable coalition - so far without success. Party heads were meeting individually with King Felipe yesterday - the fourth such set of talks this year - as they seek a consensus candidate to lead the next government. Insiders were hoping a deadline to pass a budget for 2017 by the end of September will concentrate minds. But the left-leaning parties, the second-placed Socialists and Unidos Podemos (“Together We Can”), reiterated after the talks with the King that they would oppose Rajoy. Liberal party Ciudadanos (“Citizens”), which came fourth in the 26 June election, said it would abstain in a confidence vote.

“We want to change Rajoy’s government and this is why we will vote ‘no’ in a confidence vote,” Socialist leader Pedro Sanchez said.

“JUST GOOD FRIENDS....”

Boris Johnson charm offence

● Modestly shaking his head to deny he was any good at speaking French, Britain’s new foreign minister Boris Johnson sought to charm a media audience in Paris during a joint appearance with his French counterpart, who recently called him a liar. At a news conference after private talks, Johnson and Jean-Marc Ayrault exchanged assurances of friendship but left without taking questions from a roomful of journalists eager to probe the awkwardness behind the niceties.

Spanish jobless rate close to six-year low as tourism booms: See Page Three



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