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## Family of four killed in traffic accident in Alcudia: See Report Inside Today

# NO DEAL

Madrid.—Spain's Socialist leader said yesterday his party would not back acting Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's re-election and end an eight-month political impasse after meeting him for the final time before a confidence vote in parliament on Wednesday.

The Socialists' head Pedro Sanchez holds the key to unlocking the deadlock as Rajoy is just shy of the majority he needs to form a government and has run out of allies. The party's refusal to endorse their longtime rival in the vote heightens the chances of a third election in a year.

Rajoy's centre-right People's Party is six seats short of the absolute majority of 176 seats it needs in the vote, even with the support of liberal party Ciudadanos, which was agreed on Sunday, and one extra seat from a minor Canary Islands party.

The Socialists' abstention would be enough to enable a PP-led minority government under Rajoy, who won the most votes in elections in December and June but both times missed out on a majority.

Sanchez says, however, that Rajoy should instead win the support of several small regional parties which would tip him into majority territory. **See Page Six.**



Socialist leader Sanchez, right, with acting Prime Minister Rajoy.

## Germany wants Facebook to take initiative in fight against online hate

THE German government wants Facebook to be more proactive in monitoring and, if necessary, removing forbidden as well as offensive content from its social network platform. Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere visited Facebook's offices in Berlin and said the company had done well in cooperating with authorities when help was requested but it needed to do more on its own to thwart racist comments, outlawed symbols and appeals for terror. "Facebook has an immensely important economic position and just like every other large enterprise it has a immensely important social responsibility," said de Maiziere before urging Facebook to do more to remove such content without being asked. The government has been critical of Facebook in the past. Political leaders and regulators have complained the world's largest social network, with 1.6 billion monthly users, had been slow to respond to hate speech and anti-immigrant messages.

## Hollywood star couple reduce price of Majorcan home: See Inside



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