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BIG SHOWDOWN: See Inside

French police angry at “no-go zones” after petrol bomb attack

Paris.—French police unions complained angrily yesterday about being sent into gang-ridden “no-go zones” after two officers were seriously injured in a petrol bomb attack during a routine surveillance job in an area south of Paris at the weekend.

The incident, in which around 15 people attacked a patrol car in broad daylight on Saturday, played into a national debate on security in the run-up to next year’s presidential election. It prompted calls from political adversaries for the resignation of Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve.

“We’re very angry. It is surreal that colleagues be injured on such a mission,” said Nicolas Comte, a spokesman for France’s second-biggest police union, Unité SGP Police.

Unions urged staff to take part in silent protests in front of police stations throughout France on Tuesday, and called for a go-slow in the area where the attack was carried out to press the government to give police more resources.

Massive growth in Majorca population being forecast

● Number of local residents could grow by a third: See Report Inside

More cruise ships for next summer



● *Queen Elizabeth* sails into Palma this morning for brief visit: See Page Eleven Inside Today.

May says expects to guarantee rights of EU citizens in UK after Brexit

London.—Prime Minister Theresa May said she hoped Britain’s exit from the EU would be a smooth process and that she expected to guarantee the rights of EU citizens already in Britain.

“I expect to be able to guarantee the legal rights of EU nationals already in the UK so long as the British nationals living in Europe receive - in the countries who are member states of the EU - the same treatment,” she told reporters during a visit to Denmark yesterday.

She reiterated that she would trigger the formal divorce process from the bloc through Article 50 of the EU Lisbon treaty no later than the end of March next year and added: “I hope it can be a smooth and orderly departure”.

May said she wanted the post-Brexit settlement to reflect “the kind of mature, cooperative relationship that close friends and allies have”.

