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# NO FAST DEAL

London.—Theresa May has got nowhere with the EU in seeking an early guarantee of post-Brexit rights for British and European expatriates, officials said yesterday after the British prime minister pushed the issue again at an EU summit.

“We cannot now do some deal quickly with her,” said one person familiar with some of May’s discussions in Brussels on

Thursday. “This simply won’t work. It has to be part of a whole process.”

May briefed the summit on her plan to trigger the two-year withdrawal process by the end of March, whatever the outcome of a British Supreme Court case, officials who were present said. She also repeated her wish to see uncertainties over the status of people living as foreigners on either side of

the new UK-EU frontier settled early on. Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny said none of the other 27 responded to that.

Summit chair Donald Tusk has said in recent weeks that May will get nowhere with such requests until she formally triggers talks under Article 50 of the EU treaty, and even then, promises will mean little until a comprehensive Brexit deal is agreed.

“Nothing will be agreed until everything is agreed, so it is hard to see what legal clarity people can be given on issues like residency rights before a final deal,” an EU official said. However, another official involved in preparations for Brexit talks said expatriate citizens were unlikely to become “bargaining chips” between London and Brussels.



## Running Santas take over Madrid for charity

Madrid.—More than 20,000 people dressed as Santa Claus raced through the centre of Madrid yesterday morning to raise money

for sufferers of the disease multiple sclerosis.

Each person paid 15 euros to join the race along the Spanish capital’s main Paseo de la Castel-

lana avenue, running either 6 or 10 kilometres wearing the unusual running gear of a white billowy beard, Santa hat and red robe.

Children dressed as green elves joined parents in the race and some people even brought along their dogs, dressed in their own Santa garb.

## Khamenei condemns Britain after PM May calls Iran a regional threat

London.—Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei condemned Britain yesterday as a “source of evil and misery” for the Middle East after British Prime Minister Theresa May called Iran a regional threat.

“Shamelessly, the British have recently called ... Iran a threat to the region, but everyone knows that ... it is the British who have always been the source of threats, corruption and misery,” the state news agency IRNA quoted Khamenei as telling participants at an Islamic unity conference in Tehran.

Khamenei called “policies and the actions of the British in the past two centuries a source of evil and misery for the peoples of the region”, IRNA added.

May called on Gulf Arab heads of state at a summit last week to work with London “to push back against Iran’s aggressive regional actions, whether in Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, Syria or in the Gulf itself”.

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