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Queen Elizabeth's granddaughter Zara expecting second baby

London.—Zara Tindall, the granddaughter of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, is pregnant with her second child, her spokeswoman said yesterday.

"The queen and members of the royal family were very pleased to hear this news," a spokeswoman for Buckingham Palace said.

Zara, who is married to former England rugby union captain Mike Tindall, gave birth to the couple's first child, Mia Grace in January 2014, but lost a previous baby in 2016.

The queen currently has five great-grandchildren, however grandson Prince William

and his wife Kate, officially known as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, are expecting their third child next April.

No date was given for when the Tindalls' new baby was due. Their second child will either be 18th or 19th in line to the throne depending on when the Cambridges' baby is born. Zara, 36, the daughter of the queen's only daughter Anne, won an equestrian silver at the London Olympic Games in 2012 while her 39-year-old husband was part of the England team that won the rugby World Cup in 2003

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COURT REJECTS RELEASE FOR JAILED CATALAN SEPARATIST JUNQUERAS

Barcelona.— Spain's Supreme Court ordered yesterday that Catalan separatist leader Oriol Junqueras must remain in custody after over two months in prison while authorities investigate his role in the Spanish region's independence movement.

In a written ruling, the judges said there was a risk that Junqueras would again commit an offence if he were released as there was no evidence to show he had abandoned "the path followed so far." He is being held on allegations of rebellion, sedition and misuse of public funds.

A 21 Dec. election gave separatists a slim majority in the regional parliament in a blow to Spanish

prime minister Mariano Rajoy, who had hoped it would quash the Catalan independence movement and resolve Spain's worst political crisis in decades.

The court's decision will probably prevent Junqueras from being sworn in at the opening session of the new Catalan parliament on 17 Jan. and complicates the separatist parties' search for a leader who is neither jailed nor abroad.

Junqueras's Esquerra Republicana (Republican Left) party emerged from the election as the second largest separatist group, a few seats behind former Catalan president Carles Puigdemont's Junts per Catalunya (Together for Catalonia) party.

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