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UK confident Brexit won't bring Armageddon - PM May's spokesman

THE government is confident there will be no Armageddon after Brexit, British Prime Minister Theresa May's spokesman said yesterday, responding to a report that officials had predicted petrol, food and medicine shortages if there was no deal.

Asked if there was any truth in a report by *The Sunday Times* that a failure to reach

agreement with the European Union would cause Armageddon in Britain, the spokesman told reporters: "A significant amount of work and decision-making has gone into our no deal plans, especially as it relates to ports, and we know that none of this would happen." He repeated that the government was sure that it would secure a good Brexit deal.

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NO EARLY ELECTIONS, SAYS NEW PRIME MINISTER

● "It's clearly unusual to govern with 84 lawmakers but the political situation remains very fragmented and everything suggests a new election wouldn't fix that."

Madrid.—Elections would not fix Spain's problems, a top aide to new Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said yesterday, rejecting opposition calls for a snap vote as the minority government prepares to tackle a budget vote and the Catalonia crisis.

Sanchez, whose Socialist party holds just 84 of 350 parliamentary seats, was propelled into office on Friday after an unlikely alliance of anti-austerity and national-

ist parties backed his bid to oust Mariano Rajoy's conservatives over a corruption scandal.

"It's clearly unusual to govern with 84 lawmakers but the political situation remains very fragmented and everything suggests a new election wouldn't fix that," Jose Luis Abalos, often described as Sanchez's right-hand man, told COPE radio.

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