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## MAY GETS DELAY

HE European Union announced last night it will agree to hand Britain a Brexit delay until May 22 providing its parliament approves the divorce agreement next week, according to draft conclusions considered by the other 27 national leaders. But, French President Emmanuel Macron warned Prime Minister Theresa May yesterday that Britain would face a disorderly departure from the European Union if she fails to get parliamentary approval for her deal on the third attempt next week.

Just eight days before Britain is due to leave the EU, May was making a last-ditch plea to the bloc's 27 other leaders in Brussels to hand her a Brexit delay, a request she said was "a matter of personal regret" and one she firmly pinned on her country's deeply divided parliament. EU leaders were expected to grant her two extra months to organise a smooth exit -- but only on the condition that the British leader can get her deal through parliament, something even members of her own government increasingly doubt. Growing inves-

tor concerns that Britain could leave the EU without a deal sent sterling to a one-week low. "We must be clear, to ourselves, our British friends and our people," Macron said on arrival at the 24-hour summit. "Firstly,

we've been negotiating the withdrawal agreement for two years. It cannot be renegotiated. Secondly, in the event of another no vote in Britain, we will be heading towards a no deal. Everyone knows it." **See inside** 

## Spain says that our present rights are safe in no deal scenario

Madrid.—Spain's cabinet has approved measures for Britons in Spain to continue living there as now if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

Foreign Minister Josep Borrell said the main purpose was that no one, British or Spanish, would be left unprotected. Spain estimates that the measures, which would

become law under a no-deal Brexit, would grant residency rights to about 400,000 UK citizens.

More than 300,000 Britons are currently registered as residing in Spain, the government in Madrid says.

There are at least 150,000 Spaniards currently residing in the UK.