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MAJORCA IS THE CURRENT TOP DESTINATION FOR LUXURY YACHTS, THE LATEST VESSEL TO SAIL INTO PALMA IS AZTECA WHICH IS OWNED BY MEXICAN MILLIONAIRE BUSINESSMAN RICARDO SALINAS: SEE PAGES 2 AND 3

THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR BIDS GOODBYE TO SPAIN



Sanchez is “not throwing in the towel” as he tries to form a government

● Spain’s caretaker Socialist Prime Minister, Pedro Sanchez, told King Felipe during a meeting at Marivent Palace in Palma yesterday that he is “not throwing in the towel” and intends to continue exploring every avenue with regards to forming a new government and avoid dragging the country back to the polls for another general election in November.

Sanchez said that he is working on a new strategy to win the support of the anti-austerity party Unidas Podemos, which refused to back his investiture bid in July. “I’m not throwing in the towel, Spain doesn’t deserve to be made to go to the polls again,” he said after talks with the King. But, over one hundred days now have passed since the April 28 general election, and there is still no sign that acting Sanchez is any closer to reaching a governing deal that would allow him to be voted back into office - and the king made clear on Sunday that he would like to see a government formed, sooner rather than later in order to avoid repeat elections.

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Madrid.—The British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, yesterday officially stepped down from his position in Spain and issued a personal statement to all UK nationals living in Spain.

“I leave my almost six years as HMA to Spain with a wealth of wonderful memories of this fantastic country.

“I understand why so many UK Nationals choose to live and visit here.

“One of the tremendous privileges of this job has been to meet many of you, the British Nationals involved in your communities in so many different ways.

“Those of you volunteering with organisations like Cruz Roja, Age Concern and so many more; helping fight forest fires in Javea or looking after British cemeteries; those raising funds to help those in need; young people volunteering with organisations like



Simon Manley has been ambassador for six years.

Street Angels in Majorca, helping to look after British visitors to the island or British councillors serving their local communities.

“The footprint of British education relies on UK Nationals living and working here, as teachers and assistants in the many British schools and language academies.

“UK Nationals are also

working in businesses across Spain – from bars and restaurants on the costas to the Big Five accountancy firms.

“It has been an honour to represent Queen and country and to serve you, the UK nationals living here.

“If I have one final message as we leave the EU, it is to make sure you, your friends and family are prop-

erly registered as residents. And check on your neighbours – make sure they are registered too.

“I wish you all continued health and happiness in your lives here in Spain.”

The next British Ambassador to Spain will be Hugh Elliott, who begins his post on Monday August 19.

Elliott’s recent positions include: Director of Communication, Department for Exiting the European Union, Director, International Agreements at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Director for Europe, FCO Director of Communication FCO.

His earlier FCO career involved overseas postings in Spain, Argentina and France, and work across most foreign policy areas.

Public service has been complemented by work at Anglo American plc from 2006 to 2013, where he was Head of Government Relations, with a global remit.

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