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Catalonia's parliament pressed its case for secession from Spain yesterday, two days after a national election, while separatist protesters blocked one of the region's major highways and also disrupted traffic in the Basque Country.

Protesters blocked the AP-7 highway in both directions around the secessionist Catalan stronghold of Girona. Earlier, French riot police had used tear gas to clear protesters at the border who were blocking the AP-7 highway that links France and Spain. They arrested 18 people at the La Jonquera border crossing and Catalan police arrested one person, officials said.

Catalan demonstrators also converged on Tuesday on a highway in the Basque region near the French border town of Irun, disrupting traffic and causing jams of up to 11 kilometres (8 miles), the Basque transit authority said.

A secretive protest group called Democratic Tsunami has claimed responsibility for the disruption, which is aimed at drawing international attention to the Catalan independence drive.

In Barcelona local police tweeted that traffic had been disrupted at several major intersections, after another separatist group known as CDR called for protesters to block access points around the Catalan capital.



BORDER BLOCKED

DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES

Spain seeks spymaster

Spanish police said yesterday they were searching for Venezuela's former military intelligence chief Hugo Carvajal, days after local media including EFE news agency reported a Spanish court had agreed to extradite him to the United States. Carvajal, an ally of Venezuela's late Socialist leader Hugo Chavez, is wanted by U.S. authorities on allegations of drug trafficking. He has denied the accusations. After some local media including *El Pais* reported he had gone missing, Spanish police confirmed they were looking for Carvajal, but declined to specify when they had begun their search and the reason.



Johnson shouted at during visit to flood-hit area

London.—Two onlookers shouted at Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson when he observed relief efforts in a flood-hit district of northern England yesterday, several days after the worst of the flooding. "You took your time, Bo-

ris," one person told Johnson as he walked through the area accompanied by local officials, while another asked him: "Where've you been?" Another resident was more welcoming, telling Johnson: "Go get 'em."