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## Sanchez to meet with Catalan leader Torra first week of February

Madrid.—Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said on Monday he plans to meet with the leader of Catalonia region Quim Torra during the first week of February in as a first step to fulfill a pledge he made to get the support of a separatist party in Parliament.

Sanchez had promised Esquerra Republicana to open a round of dialogue over the future of the restive

region with Catalan leaders in exchange for the party's crucial abstention during his investiture in Parliament.

Sanchez at the time had said results of the dialogue would be submitted to voters in Catalonia, though it is unclear whether the vote would be binding. "If we propose the vote of an agreement, it is to unite Catalans, not to fracture and divide them," Sanchez said in an in-

terview with Spanish national broadcaster RTVE on Monday evening.

He said he will go to Catalan capital Barcelona for the meeting with Torra.

The separatist movement in the northeastern region spiraled into political crisis after leaders defied Spanish courts to hold a 2017 referendum on independence. Nine leaders were later sentenced to up to 13 years in prison.

● Empty shelves in supermarkets as ports remain closed because of storm.

# GALE FORCE GLORIA



- Storm Gloria and its gale force winds pounded Majorca hitting Puerto Pollensa and Portocolom hard and causing extensive damage.
- In Puerto Pollensa almost 20 yachts were washed up on the shore after slipping their moorings in the high winds.
- The record for the highest wave in the Balearics was broken twice yesterday (14.2 metres on the island of Dragonera and 14.8 in Mahon (Minorca).
- Following reports inside and online.