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Ferry passengers continue with their journey after ordeal: See Inside

Over half of Spaniards want early national election, says poll

● The poll reflected an official survey taken at the beginning of October that showed support for Ciudadanos had risen during

the Catalan crisis, which has become Spaniards' second-largest issue of concern after unemployment. P4

“Non-secessionist solution to Catalan crisis”

Barcelona.—Catalonia's deposed president said he might consider a solution to Spain's political crisis that did not involve the region's secession, appearing to soften the staunchly pro-independence stance that cost him his leadership last month.

In an interview with Belgian daily *Le Soir*, Carles Puigdemont

was asked if a non-secessionist option was on the table to resolve a crisis triggered when Spain took over control of the region after its parliament declared independence on 27 Oct.

“I'm ready, and have always been ready, to accept the reality of another relationship with Spain ... It (another solution) is

still possible,” Puigdemont was quoted as saying,

“I have, being pro-independence all my life, worked for 30 years to have another way of Catalonia being anchored to Spain,” he added, giving no details of what form such a relationship could take.

He posted a link to the inter-

view, which was published yesterday, on his Twitter feed.

The former president is in self-imposed exile in Belgium after running an independence campaign that prompted authorities in Madrid to fire his cabinet, dissolve the regional parliament and call new elections for December.



Prime minister Mariano Rajoy.



European business leaders held talks with PM May.

CEOs urge May to speed up Brexit talks to avoid exodus of companies from Britain

London.— British prime minister Theresa May needs to speed up negotiations with the European Union, business leaders told her yesterday, amid concern Britain will crash out of the world's biggest trading bloc without a deal.

Slow progress in the

talks with the European Union has unsettled businesses and drawn warnings that unless a transition is agreed soon, some may begin activating Brexit contingency plans - which may include moving out of Britain.

May had invited 15 business groups from Britain

and continental Europe for talks in her Downing Street office to urge them to back her Brexit strategy and persuade companies not to move overseas.

The executives told May she needed to provide more clarity on three issues critical for talks to progress: negotiating any

potential exit bill, settling the rights of EU citizens living in Britain, and arrangements for the border in Ireland.

“Business is extremely concerned with the slow pace of negotiations and the lack of progress,” said Emma Marcegaglia, president of BusinessEurope.