

# Spain's PM faces no-confidence vote

Mariano Rajoy's tenure as one of Europe's longest-serving prime ministers is hanging in the balance, with the opposition Socialists close to winning enough support to push through a no-confidence vote



**Pedro Sánchez:**  
Leader of centre-left **Socialist party (PSOE)**, brought no-confidence motion after High Court handed long jail terms to dozens of people linked to ruling **People's Party (PP)** in long-running corruption trial



PSOE, with just 84 seats in 350-seat parliament, needs backing of leftist **Podemos** party and smaller groups, including Catalan pro-independence parties and Basque nationalists

Rajoy's minority government has struggled after inconclusive elections in 2015 and 2016, and is under fire for perceived inability to solve secession crisis in Catalonia

