

Gibraltar risks derailing Brexit deal

Spain threatens to veto a draft Brexit agreement between the UK and EU over concerns about the future status of Gibraltar



Article 184 of draft Brexit deal says EU and UK will seek to “negotiate rapidly the agreements governing their future relationship” between March 29, 2019 and end of transition period in December 2020



Spain wants written guarantees that Gibraltar will not automatically be covered by any future UK-EU free trade agreement, and that its inclusion would depend on bilateral talks between London and Madrid



Port of Gibraltar:
Home to
naval base



GIBRALTAR

Population:
30,000

Area:
6.5 sq km

500m
1,640ft

**GIBRALTAR
(UK)**

SPAIN

Border
crossing

International
Airport

Rock of Gibraltar
(426m)

Governor's
residence

Alboran sea

FACTFILE

► Named in Arabic “Jabal Tariq”, after Muslim commander Tariq Ibn-Ziyad, who turned “the Rock” into fortress in 711

► Spain has long claimed sovereignty over territory, which has been ruled by Britain since 1713 under terms of Treaty of Utrecht

► Gibraltarians voted overwhelmingly against Spanish sovereignty in 1967 referendum, and against joint UK-Spanish control in 2002 vote

► Gibraltar is due to leave EU along with UK despite 96% of population voting to remain in 2016 referendum