Call to ban Gibraltar flights

Nearly half of Spaniards want their country’s airspace to be closed to flights serving Gibraltar, a poll suggests.

The Real Instituto Elcano think-tank found that 48.1 per cent of Spaniards would support such a move, while 62.8 per cent approved of the tough line being taken over the territory by Mariano Rajoy, their Prime Minister.

The latest tensions between Madrid and London began in July after Gibraltan boats dumped blocks of concrete into the sea near the territory. Gibraltar said that it was creating an artificial reef that would foster fish populations, but Spain said that the reef would block

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