

Britons Making Lines to Obtain EU Citizenship after Brexit



London, June 27 (RHC)-- British citizens are said to have launched a frantic search for EU citizenship, looking for ways to acquire passports like the "Irish passport." According to reports from London, British citizens are concerned that their free travel across Europe might face limitations in the wake of the recent vote to exit the European Union.

British citizens with Irish parents can get Irish passports, and those with Irish grandparents can also apply for one. In addition, anyone born before 2005 in Northern Ireland, the only part of the UK that shares a land border with another country, is also entitled to Irish citizenship.

On June 23rd, British voters endorsed a Brexit by 52 to 48 percent, but many in different parts of the country now say it is undemocratic for them to leave the 28-member bloc. Scots, who largely favored remaining in the EU, maintain that their 62 percent vote for continued EU membership gives them a right to stay put.

Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, who leads the pro-independence Scottish National Party (SNP), has said the Brexit vote called for a second Scottish independence referendum almost two years after the first, when the Scots rejected statehood by 55 to 45 percent.

Also, in Northern Ireland, where 56 percent of people voted to remain in the EU, the Brexit vote led to speculations about a unity referendum with the Republic of Ireland -- the neighboring EU member.

Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness of the Sinn Fein nationalist party has even suggested a vote to unite both parts of Ireland after the Brexit vote.

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