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Justice accuses the President of Catalonia for his independence project

Charged for four crimes

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USPA NEWS - The President of the Government of Catalonia, number 4 on the winning list of the elections held on Sunday and candidate for reelection, Artur Mas, was charged Tuesday by the Superior Court of Catalonia (TSJC its acronym in Spanish) for four crimes relating to the independence project.

Along with Artur Mas they were also accused her counselor Irene Rigau and former vice president of the Catalan Government Joana Ortega. The three are charged with the crimes of disobedience, abuse of power, misappropriation of public funds and breach of trust, for allowing and supporting the holding of a referendum on the independence of Catalonia, on November 9, 2014. The consultation was held even though it had been banned by the Constitutional Court and in December, the TSJC opened an investigation after admitting to process twenty seven complaints against the Catalan Government for that disobedience.

Since then, the Justice has taken statements from the Catalan Government officials who took part in the organization of the referendum and has studied the contracts that the regional Government of Catalonia signed with companies for the manufacture of the polls and the development of ballots vote. The president of the Catalan Government must testify as a defendant on the 15th of October. Besides the three officials, four others people have been summoned to testify in the hearing after Artur Mas and his collaborators days.

The referendum was raised by the regional Government of Catalonia as a sort of referendum on the status of view Catalan respect to independence, after the Constitutional Court, at the request of the Government of Spain, banned the holding of a referendum illegal because it not consulted the other Spaniards, and any unauthorized consultation. The Catalan Government disguised that query as if it were a survey value other than simply informative but actively collaborated in the creation of an electoral scenery and invited international observers to certify the results of the vote.

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