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## **President of Catalonia declared democratically rebel but denies accusations**

**Called to testify on October 15**

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**USPA NEWS** - The President of the regional Government of Catalonia, Artur Mas, denied Wednesday having disobeyed the Constitutional Court of Spain, which is accused by the prosecution and must declare on October 15, although he admitted being "democratically rebel".

Artur Mas was responding to the accusation of the prosecution, why must appear before the judge accused of four crimes, including disobedience to promote a referendum which had been banned by the Constitutional Court (TC its acronym in Spanish), and he explained that the November 9, 2014 there was a "democratic rebellion" in Catalonia against the Spanish State and Government took part in the polls for the rebellion. In an interview to a chain of Catalan radio, the regional President accused the Spanish Government of being "furious" against him and wanting him down, and Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy to be looking for ways to take you to jail.

But he defended the participatory process of November 9, 2014, but said that at no time acted outside the law. "Legally I did not disobey. Politically there was a democratic rebellion: we put the polls," he said, adding that prior to that date, the Constitutional Court asked what acts should suspend and got no answer, so he decided to proceed with the inquiry. He said nothing, however, about what will happen to his position if disabled by the Tribunal, disqualification may be up to two years if convicted.

In relation to the case against the regional President of Catalonia, the Office issued a note on Wednesday stressing that it had been unwise to quote him to testify during the electoral campaign for the Catalan Parliament and denies any interference from the Government of Spain in the process. The prosecution warns that suggest that possibility involves violating the separation of powers and independence of the Public Prosecutor, an idea which matches the Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy.

In the halls of national Parliament, Rajoy said it was "false and deeply unfair" to accuse his Government to influence the prosecution. "There is separation of powers, the Government has nothing to do with the decisions taken by the High Court of Justice of Catalonia," he said. Later, before the full Lower House, Rajoy admitted that the "problem" created in Catalonia will be resolved "in the future" with "dialogue", "finesse" and "without anxiety."

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