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The judge accuses Pedro Sanchez of organizing the entry into Spain of Ghali

Leader of the Polisario Front

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USPA NEWS - The judge investigating in Spain the entry and stay in Spanish territory of the secretary general of the Polisario Front, Brahim Ghali, from April 18 to June 2, 2021, points to the President of the Spanish Government, Pedro Sánchez, as responsible for the reception of the Saharawi leader, and maintains the accusation of the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arancha González Laya. The judge highlights the involvement in the operation of several departments of the Spanish Government that, due to their independence, could only coordinate if a higher authority was in charge of giving the orders.

“Taking into account that qualified authorities and officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Defense participated in this operation, and that the heads of each of these ministries do not direct instructions or orders to those who depend on any of the other two ministries, unless expressly ratified by its owner, and since their action was immediate and coordinated, what the law tells us is that the President of the Government directed this joint action,” affirms the judge in a decision made public in the last few hours. “The final decision corresponded to the President of the Government,” he adds.

For this reason, the judge maintains the imputation of the then Minister of Foreign Affairs, Arancha González Laya, although he refuses to accuse the number two of this department. The magistrate also refuses to involve the Government in a crime of forgery of documents. "Until now, no indication has been obtained that they participated in the falsification of a personal identification document or in the presentation of it at the San Pedro de Logroño hospital," he says. “Nor can we speak of a cover-up of the crimes for which Brahim Ghali was being investigated in two different cases before a Central Investigating Court,” he concludes.

“What is really important for the purposes of prevarication” crime, explains the judge, is to clarify whether it was decided to assist Brahim Ghali and allow his entry into Spain “knowing that his statement as being investigated in two criminal cases and trying to locate him was interested on several occasions, agreeing not to communicate anything to the Central Investigating Court” and “also ensuring the necessary conditions so that no one could do so.”

The stay of the secretary general of the Polisario Front in Spain to deal with COVID-19 caused a political scandal, even more so when the Spanish Government declared the information regarding his entry and stay in the San Pedro hospital in Logroño (Northern Spain) secret, which had been requested by the opposition in Parliament. The case gave rise to several complaints, as Brahim Ghali was seeking to be brought before a judge and testify about the accusations made against him for crimes against humanity and torture. The secretary general of the Polisario Front was later acquitted, but the case is still alive due to suspicions that he entered Spain with false documentation and was protected by the Spanish Police, and monitored by Moroccan intelligence.

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