

# *Spanish Police Seize Ballot Boxes Ahead of Catalonia Independence Vote*

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Barcelona, September 28 (RHC)-- Spain's government has ordered police to seize control of polling places and ballot boxes ahead of Sunday's planned independence referendum in the country's Catalonia region.

On Thursday, Barcelona police sealed off a warehouse containing 10 million paper ballots. Independence activists say they've had election materials seized, and the Spanish government has shut down pro-independence websites in a move that's drawn comparisons to the fascist Francisco Franco regime.

Spain's top prosecutor has said he won't rule out the possible arrest of Catalonia's regional president.

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