

Dismissed Catalan Government to be Charged with Rebellion



Madrid, October 30 (RHC-Agencies) --The Spanish Attorney General is expected to deliver a complaint charging the dismissed Catalan government with "rebellion," a serious crime punishable by up to 30 years of prison.

Carles Puigdemont, the dismissed president of the Catalan government, may receive more charges, including that of sedition.

Jordi Cuixart and Jordi Sanchez of the National Catalan Assembly and Omnium Cultura, two pro-independence groups, are currently being held without bail on the same charges.

Meanwhile, the Belgian minister of asylum and migration, Theo Francken, said that Belgium might offer political asylum to Catalans.

"Catalans that fear they might be prosecuted in Spain can ask for political asylum in Belgium. And that includes Prime Minister Puigdemont," Francken said in an interview with Belgian public broadcaster VRT.

The Spanish government said it was giving the former officials of Catalonia's institutions "some hours" to collect their things from their offices.

The government says it hopes the process will help Catalonia "return to normalcy" with "great discretion" and "minimum intervention".

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