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**24th & 25th of June, judgment against Galician
Independence Movement at the Spanish
National Audience**



What is going to happen at Madrid the 24th & 25th of June?

The next 24th of June, the judgment against four militants for Galician independence starts at Spain's National Audience under the accusation of being linked with the sabotages that have happened in Galicia since a decade ago, as the armed expression and opposition to the social and national oppression suffered from our people.

Eduardo Vigo and Teto Fialhega are accused of carrying and storing explosive devices and falsifying official documentation. From other hand Antom Santos and Maria Osório are accused from falsifying official documentation. The Spanish Police see these crimes as an evidence of belonging to an armed band that practices the armed struggle. Eduardo and Teto face to a request of 20 years in prison (8 per "carrying explosives with terrorist intentions", 9 per "belonging to an armed group", and 3 per "falsifying documents with terrorist intentions". Maria and Antom's request is 12 years in prison. When the judgment date arrives they will have being 19 months scattered by different Spanish prisons, distanced 780 Km from Galiza per average as an added punishment for their families and friends.

Why are the Fiscal Requests so high?

Teto Fialhega and Eduardo Vigo face a prison request equivalent to a malice murder conviction (from 15 to 20 years under the article 139 from the Spanish Penal Code). Maria and Antom will be seated on the accused's bench because the Police affirm that they have found false identity documentation with their photos during the record at Teto's home. They face a prison request equivalent to penalty for rape (from 6 to 12 years under the article 179 from the Spanish Penal Code). In any rule of law, this Fiscal Requests are exorbitant for people that had never committed any action against the life, health or personal integrity from anybody.

The explanation about this contradiction is focused on an instable Spanish State, threatened because of its natural configuration. It protects in a much more strictness way its own integrity and legal-political order than people rights and people freedom as a community. Because of this the next 24th & 25th of June the judgment process is going to be more truly political rather than a legal process. What the Spanish State wants to protect with his special courts and the imposition of exception penalties is the viability and continuity of the National Spanish Project at Galiza.

What it's going to be judged at the Spanish National Audience is the determination from more than a generation of Galicians that did not let themselves being assimilated by Spain and her institutions. A danger example for a Spanish State involved in a deep economic, political and social crisis. From the Spanish point of view, this attitude deserves to be punished strongly than any murder or rape case.

Which are the consequences the “Belonging to an armed group” penalty can have?

The “Belonging to an armed group” argument is the legal tool used by the Spanish exceptional law for punishing with special severity the use of political violence. But since a decade ago the violent resistance to the Spanish violence is not leaded at Galiza by any organization that reclaims for itself the armed response monopoly.

The existence of armed struggle at Galiza, despite of its modest scale, can represent something similar to a match inside an gasoline sea to the Spanish State, once that the legitimacy from any institution link with the Spanish State and the mechanisms to social control, are worn every day. Because of this, the Fiscal Request wants to apply the maximum severity from its Penal Code, even if the reality needs to be distorted.

In any case, considering the circumstances, the Spanish State prefers to force the reality to make it fit in the current Penal Code, rather than change it and adapt it to the Galician situation (something that has been done at the Basque Country, but it seems not to be convenient in our case.)

An eventual conviction for armed group membership would be an exorbitant penalty to the militants judged at the 24th & 25th, and a clear call for who continues not respecting the Spanish violence monopoly. Politically it tries to “put things back at place”, telling all those people using armed resistance they deserve the special penalty designed for them, which disproportionate object seeks that nobody ever try to practice any other way to fight against Spain, but the ways that Spain gives itself with their legal-political status. Legally it would mean the existence of a tool (an “armed organization” in where is possible to militate and collaborate) that makes easy to apply hard penalties, even the Fiscal must demonstrate the belonging to that “supposed organization” of any person at any time.

Will this open doors to illegalizations?

This is one of the possible consequences of being condemned for “belonging to an armed group”. The Spanish Kingdom will open the doors in our land to the application of the hardest articles from the “anti-terrorist law”, “party’s law, etc, following the systematically illegalization and criminalization from any organization or collective that is suspect to be collaborating with an armed group. Precisely, all the collectives fighting against crisis at the moment (Preferences Affected Platform, Mortgage Affected Platform) are declared as terrorists at the mass media, and some political leaders try to link them with ETA.

How expensive is all this process?

The independence movement but also more social sectors in struggle know very well the economic extortion from the State: Fines, judgments, administrative sanctions, theft of personal belongings... This time is not an exemption, the estimated economic effort in which Ceivar is involved, only in this case is about 30.000 €, counting lawyers, solicitors, experts, travels,... This without counting the cost of having three out of four processed inside prison.

What we can do?

The 24th of June is going to happen a political judgment, because, what the Fiscal request seeks, is not to punish people for any infraction about the Penal Code, but mainly it seeks to put fear on all the people not accepting the economic, social or cultural policies coming from Madrid that are extremely harmful to our land and its people.

If the enemy wants to speak about terror, let's speak about a country where more and more people live in the uncertainty of not being able to pay their house, the food, and where each year 7 million boxes of antidepressants. If Spain wants to talk about violence, let's take out to light the stolen money from the banks to Galician savers, let's talk about all the people who lost their houses, let's talk about the impunity from the Spanish Police Corp who has been many times denounced by many civil rights associations all over the world, let's talk about the induced shame to our children, so they don't speak Galician again... And if they want to talk about explosives, let's talk about the building companies or the mining companies that are making our land explode in one thousand pieces, so they finish with the richness on a territory that gives us the best food. They convert it in fast food for speculation.

We know that the essential objective from the repression is to produce fear and paralysis. Being aware from this, the main objective from our solidarity movement must be exactly the opposite. Let's explain that, the 24th & 25th is not going to happen a judgment only against the accused, Teto, Eduardo, Antom, Maria, but also against all those Galicians that are not surrendering and begging from whom is being abusing them.

Let's join together all our strength for the defence of Antom, Eduardo, Maria and Teto, and from all of us. Let's make clear from this judgment that we are living in an oppressed country by one kingdom without democracy.