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## **Rajoy: No one will consent to become the Spanish foreigners in their own country**

### **Opening the political course**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, opened the political course with a traditional ceremony to be held on the last Sunday in August and this year took place in Sotomaior in the province of Pontevedra, Galicia, where he warned against the Catalan separatism.

With an eye on legislative elections next December, Rajoy said that policies must keep the conservative Popular Party (PP in its acronym in Spanish) because "we can not go back, follow the road taken, that It has been shown to be effective" and "befitting the Spanish." The Spanish Prime Minister said that "we have left behind hopelessness, fear of the future, darkness and tunnels without end" and defended the reforms implemented by its government, which have allowed Spain to leave the crisis.

He also promised that he will continue to work until the end of the legislature because "there is no time off," but did not say whether the legislative elections on Sunday 13th or Sunday 20th of that month will be held. Before those national elections regional elections in Catalonia and Rajoy warned the independence parties, who want to make that go to the polls in a plebiscite, of withholding consent "that no Spaniards become foreigners in their own country." The Prime Minister said that nobody wants to Catalan outside Spain or outside the EU or outside the Euro.

Rajoy found the support of former Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, who in an opinion column published Sunday in the newspaper El Pais called on the citizens of Catalonia that "not let themselves be drawn into an illegal and irresponsible adventure that endangers Catalan coexistence among and between them and other Spaniards." The former president (1982-1996) was convinced that "it is much better together than confronted." However, he accused the Government of Mariano Rajoy of stagnation and being closed to dialogue and reform.

From the socialist lines, the secretary of Political Action and Ciudadanía of PSOE, Patxi Lopez, criticized the speech of Rajoy in Galicia and considered that "has been dismissed" as Prime Minister, having built a Spain "unbearable for the vast majority of the citizens." The Socialist leader said that Rajoy "has not helped lift the economy" but to "sink the majority of the Spaniards."

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