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"Crazy" criminal charges "without legal basis" against Catalans

The Ministry of Public Prosecution demands up to 25 years for the Catalan rebellion invented by Spain

It can be said louder than the Spanish constitutionalist Joaquín Urias, but hardly clearer. "The prosecutor at the Supreme Court is pouring gasoline into the fire." It looks as if the Ministry of Public Prosecution wants to fuel the conflict with Catalonia, tweets the professor at the Andalusian University in Seville. "To demand 25 years for Junqueras, 17 for Jordis and Forcadell for the trial in Catalonia is absolutely exaggerated, it's a craze with no plausible legal basis, instead hatred is released."

Shortly before, the ministry had presented to the press his allegations against members of the former Catalan government, activists Jordi Cuixart and Jordi Sánchez, and parliamentary president Carme Forcadell. Special hate suggests the former Vice-Prime Minister Oriol Junqueras. Since the "rebellion" invented by Spain does not buy either the German or the Belgian judiciary, one does not approach the alleged boss of the "rebellion" and other "rebels". Carles Puigdemont is in exile in Belgium and starts his political initiatives in freedom.

That is why the head of the Republican Left (ERC) is responsible for the events, which in itself is absurd, as the defense against Telepolis had already stated. The defender Jaume Cuevillas now criticized that the allegations are presented to the press, but the defense lawyers should receive the briefs on Monday.

The public prosecutor's office, unlike judges throughout Europe, buys the investigative judge Pablo Llarena of the tale of violence. Rebellion is nothing but a "violent public uprising" with weapons. The article was sponsored by the author on 23 February 1981, when the heavily armed Guardia Civil stormed Parliament. Diego López Garrido had written the Rebellionsparagrafen in view of this coup attempt. The Social Democrat, too, considers the rebellion charges completely overdrawn, unlike the prosecutor-general appointed by his party.

Thus, the prosecutor fumbled now on the way to independence. "The Secession Plan provided for the use of all means that would be necessary to achieve the goal," according to the press in the indictment. In the knowledge that "the state would not tolerate this situation and the necessary force to achieve the criminal goal".

The whole thing, like the fairy tales of investigating judge Llarena, however, has a big catch. Independence was declared a year ago, but there was no violence to enforce the republic. That is exactly one of the problems of the movement, which is why it is currently very divided on how to implement it. She was never ready to forcefully enforce her goals, if necessary, and she continues to appeal for strict non-violence. So we are dealing with an indictment based on "alternative facts" rather than reality.

This is how one can understand when the constitutionalist Urias comes to his clear judgment on the "independent" judiciary in Spain, which is guided more by hatred than by a rule of law. In addition to the 25 years for Junqueras, prisoners aged between 16 and 18 are required for former ministers. And as things are even more absurd in Spain, Former Parliament President Forcadell, who, like Jordis, had no power to govern, is even going to jail for 17 years, a year more than former Forn.

The government also made no gesture that would allow a dialogue

As expected, the legal service of the Social Democratic government has deposed from the prosecutor. The government sees this as a gesture to the Catalan parties. The government lawyers see no rebellion, but continue to embezzlement and insurgency - for which massive violence would also be necessary. "Only" up to 12 years imprisonment are demanded, here too Junqueras is to receive the highest sentence, one year more than his former ministerial colleagues. However, on this basis, the court could also impose a sentence of up to 27 years, three years less than the maximum sentence for rebellion.

The Jordis are each required eight years for an alleged uprising because they have led the movement on the street. The President of Parliament is to receive ten years. Forcadell, unlike other members of the Presidency of Parliament, is centrally held responsible for allowing Parliament to deal with the necessary laws. Other presidium members, such as Josep Nuet of Podemos (with whom the Social Democrats are now working closely together) are only required to pay fines. In the process, Nuet and others like Forcadell have voted to deal with the laws that could not have been debated without a majority.

It is clear that these are hardly any gestures from the Ministry of Public Prosecution or the government lawyers who could facilitate a dialogue for a solution of the conflict. Social Democrat Pedro Sánchez will therefore need to seek new partners to settle his budget. Only with the votes of the Catalans, he came to power. Given this approach, he can make up their voices, as they have announced, for his budget. "The government has pronounced its verdict," said the Catalan Vice-Prime Minister Pere Aragonès, who speaks of a "farce". The ERC leader makes it clear that the support is over. So far, the ERC had hoped the most for movement and a dialogue with Madrid and massively caused displeasure in the movement.

Some of the political prisoners already have reactions. As Jordi Cuixart explained. Anyone who thinks they can be dissuaded from giving up our rights knows "the Catalan society is bad," he replies. The jailed former government spokesman Jordi Turull wrote: "No surprise, they stick with their fictional narrative to get a deterrent at expense and against the criminal law." The conviction was not scratched thereby. (Ralf Streck)

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