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## The Catalan independence is recast with a new party for a new country

### For the burden of corruption

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**USPA NEWS** - Surrounded by the Spanish Justice, with its leaders on trial for corruption and social support dwindling, Catalan nationalism, the main promoter of the independence process, has taken the way of its revival.

"A new country needs a new party" bringing together Liberals, Social Democrats and Christian Democrats, said on Sunday the president of the regional Government of Catalonia, Artur Mas. At the same time, in Barcelona, a demonstration for independence called by the party that supported Mas, Democratic Convergence of Catalonia, recorded one of the lowest attendance in the history of Catalan nationalism. Therefore, the nationalist leaders are willing to kill Democratic Convergence of Catalonia and transfer all its assets to a new party will be called Democracy and Freedom.

Why a political party with 41 years of history and has played an important role in the governance of Spain, accepts dying in a time like this? But the response was clear Sunday: Democratic Convergence of Catalonia is a party created for an autonomous region, while Democracy and Freedom is a party created for the Catalan Republic. A party aimed at the successful completion of the Catalan independence process.

However, the explanation is different. Democratic Convergence of Catalonia is a party immersed in judicial proceedings for corruption. Has seized twelve offices and its founder, former president of the regional Government of Catalonia, Jordi Pujol, and his family, as well as other leaders of the Catalan Government, they are accused of corruption in various open processes in Spanish courts by collecting kickbacks in exchange for awarding public works and concealment of taxes.

The legal problems of nationalism on the one hand and, secondly, the independence process that Catalan society has split into two camps and has caused the flight of many nationalist leaders, have led to a continuous loss of votes of nationalism, which is they have seized the Republican Left and the radical anti-capitalist left party CUP. Less than a month before the general elections in Spain, the leaders of Democratic Convergence of Catalonia fear that for the first time in recent Spanish democratic history, can not obtain parliamentary representation. The initials and the relationship with the former leaders of the party have become a heavy burden for the Catalan nationalism.

For this reason, the Democratic Convergence of Catalonia is meant to be history. The new formation is called Democracy and Freedom, announced Artur Mas. With that name will go to the elections on 20 December, but its main purpose is to bring together a large part of the Catalan society - the Liberals, Social Democrats and Christian Democrats - to advance the independence process. And that, according Mas, regardless of whether or not a stable Catalan Government. Because there is still no agreement between the pro-independence bloc and the CUP for the investiture of Artur Mas as president and, although both sides agree that there has been a rapprochement of their positions, has not ruled out a new regional elections in Catalonia next March.

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