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The Spanish Minister of Justice denies wanting to fine media

By publishing secret information

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USPA NEWS - Little has taken the Spanish Justice Minister Rafael Catala, to rectify after proposing the penalization of the media to publish information on legal proceedings secret. An avalanche of criticism, including from fellow of his party, the conservative PP, received the minister's proposal.

Just 24 hours after launch the proposal, the Spanish Justice Minister Rafael Catala said he has "no proposal to sanction media" and said that when he mused aloud about the need to find a balance between the right to information and the right to privacy, he spoke of a debate in the European Parliament "on the presumption of innocence." Last April 30, Spanish Minister of Justice, Rafael Catalan, opened a debate about who is guilty of the filtrations of reserved information, and who must be penalized for it.

The minister's words caused an avalanche of reactions contrary to its proposal. From within the Popular Party itself (PP), the candidate for the regional government of Madrid, Cristina Cifuentes, expressed his rejection of the proposal of the minister. "It's the wrong debate," and recalled that "the media has to report. It is their obligation and a constitutional right." For its part, the State Attorney General, Consuelo Madrigal, defended it can report secret causes if no harm ongoing investigations.

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