

# Free the political prisoners!

**3 months  
in prison!**



Jordi Sànchez (ANC) and Jordi Cuixart (Òmnium), imprisoned since 16 October 2017



Joaquim Forn and Oriol Junqueras of the Catalan government, imprisoned since 2 November 2017

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Jordi Cuixart and Jordi Sànchez led the two main pro-independence Catalan civil society organisations. In seven years of demonstrations, there was never an episode of violence. Yet on 1 October, a referendum on self-determination was held that the Spanish central government repressed with violence that was rejected by the international media. Then, on 16 October 2017, **Cuixart and Sànchez were sent to prison on charges of sedition.** This imprisonment is a legal aberration and a violation of human rights.

Two weeks later, on 2 November, the magistrate of the National Court of Spain, Carmen Lamela, ordered the unconditional imprisonment of the Catalan government's Vice President Oriol Junqueras and seven ministers: Carles Mundó, Jordi Turull, Josep Rull, Raül Romeva, Joaquim Forn, Dolors Bassa and Meritxell Borràs. **They were charged with crimes of rebellion, sedition and the embezzlement of public funds,** all because they opened the polls on 1 October and fulfilled the democratic mandate for which they had been elected.

On 4 November, Supreme Court Judge Pablo Llarena released the ministers Romeva, Rull, Turull, Mundó, Bassa and Borràs on €100,000 bail, but kept Vice President Junqueras, Minister Forn and Jordi Cuixart and Jordi Sànchez in prison. **They are all political prisoners.**

The Spanish central government holds political prisoners whose only crime was to defend people's right to vote. This shame on democracy has raised voices of protest around the world.

**On 16 January 2018, the two Jordis have spent three months in prison. The Jordis, Oriol and Joaquim are innocent. They should be released immediately.**

*We will help build international solidarity against the repression, and in defence of Catalan people's democratic rights.*

*We send our best wishes to the Jordis, Oriol and Joaquim.*

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