

They ask to withdraw Ghali's passport after being known by Polisario sources that "will not appear" before Pedraz

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The Saharawi Association for the Defense of Human Rights (Asadeh) has once again asked the judge to take measures to "prevent" the "escape" of the leader of the Polisario Front, Brahim Ghali, whom he wants to **the passport is withdrawn** to ensure that he goes to testify at the National Court on June 1.

In a letter addressed to magistrate Santiago Pedraz, the association bases its request on the recent "demonstrations given by the leader of the Polisario Front, Salem Lebsir," at the San Pedro de Logroño Hospital, where Ghali is admitted. There he affirmed that Ghali would leave Spain and would not come to testify on June 1, the day on which he is summoned to the National Court, which is investigating two complaints against him.

To prevent the Polisario leader from doing the same as on previous occasions in which the Audiencia has called him to testify, Asadeh has asked the judge to withdraw his passport for "**thereby prevent the exit from Spain** and guarantee your declaration. "

It is not the first time that the association requests the adoption of precautionary measures against Ghali, for whom even **requested admission to provisional prison**, although the magistrate has rejected them all.

Two lawsuits against Ghali

Judge Pedraz investigates two complaints against Ghali, who entered Spain last April under another identity to be treated for COVID-19.

One of them was filed by Fadel Mihdi Breica, a Spanish activist of Saharawi origin, for alleged **crimes against humanity, illegal detention and torture**, allegedly committed in 2019 in the polisario camps of Tindouf (Algeria).

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The other, investigated years ago at the Court and filed due to the lack of a response from the Algerian authorities to a rogatory commission formulated three years earlier, was promoted by Asadeh, who asks to investigate crimes such as **genocide, murder, injuries, illegal detention, terrorism, torture and disappearances**.

“Don't fall into the Moroccan trap”

Ghali **refused to sign his summons** on June 1, for which he argued that he needed “several days” to decide whether to do so and that he should contact “the Algerian embassy and people he trusted.”



On Thursday of last week, the representative of the Polisario Front for Spain, Abdulah Arabi, asked the Government “**do not fall into the Moroccan trap**”, because it uses the migratory crisis as an “international pressure tool”.

Arabi commented that the migration crisis in Ceuta and Melilla “**Has nothing to do**” with the admission of the leader of the Polisario Front, Brahim Ghali, in a hospital in Logroño since last April due to coronavirus.

Regarding the health of the “Saharawi president”, Arabi has assured that “between yesterday and today” **have left the intensive care unit** and is in “recovery process”.

Field: “Action will have to be taken”

The Minister of Justice, Juan Carlos Campo, has also spoken out about the situation in Ghali and stated that it is

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“a humanitarian issue”. In addition, he has been convinced that “diplomacy will gain space and these issues will be attenuated.”

He did not want to express himself, however, on his procedural situation and has limited himself to indicating: “As soon as the Justice pronounces, it will be necessary to take the measures and **we will be to it** as the Government always does. ”

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In any case, he has insisted that he considers that “there is already a **better coordination between authorities** - of Spain and Morocco “, which is” a priority partner in many issues “and with whom” the position has not changed. “

In addition, it has clarified that the migratory crisis “**affects the entire European community** Well, we are talking about a border and a complex situation. “



For her part, the president of the Government of La Rioja, Concha Andreu, assured this Monday that the situation in which the leader of the Polisario Front finds himself “is what it is and **the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the one in charge** of everything. “In this sense, he said that” we must always collaborate “with the department of Arancha González Laya and” try to normalize situations. “

EU warns Morocco

The high representative of the EU for Foreign Policy, Josep Borrell, has also expressed himself on the situation of Ghali, who has stressed that Spain is **“a rule of law with separation of powers** and the government cannot tell the judges what to do “with it.

In addition, the European Union has warned Morocco on Monday that its objective **It is not suspending financial aid** and that part of them are destined to support the effort of the Alawite country against illegal immigration.

“There has been talk that aid will be suspended, but this is not the objective, although **there are some conditioned to the behaviors** “ and, especially, with the member countries of the European community, Borrell pointed out.