

## Rajoy calls for an agreement between blocks to solve the problem of Syria

### Criticizes the lack of results

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**USPA NEWS** - "We have four years discussing the divine and the human" within the European Union without reaching agreements that enable end the war, criticized the Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, during an interview in prime time Spanish public television.

The interview granted to TVE the same day that the Spanish Government approved the convening of elections for December 20, which on Tuesday published the Official Gazette (BOE its acronym in Spanish), was the first of a series on which they will appear the main candidates of the various political parties taking part in the polls. Rajoy gave an overview of the achievements of his government and said ideas about what to do if repeated in office. But concluded by talking about the problem of refugees, which "is the main problem the EU in the short and mid-term perspective," said Spanish Prime Minister.

"Just as there was an agreement to solve the problem of Iran, it would be good to have another agreement to solve the problem of Syria," said Rajoy, who criticized the lost time within the EU in discussions that lead nowhere "and are now Syria, Russia, Iran and Hezbollah on the one hand, and the United States and Western Europe on the other" in divergent directions. Spain, Rajoy recalled, presented an initiative to provide economic projects to improve the living conditions of North African and Middle Eastern countries, and political stability. "The problems are arranged in origin," said Rajoy.

### My opponent is myself

But the main reason for the interview with TVE was to talk about the upcoming legislative elections. In connection with them, Rajoy said his main rival "I myself, I have to make an effort of education" to explain to the public the achievements of the Government. Among those achievements he emphasized lower taxes, reducing unemployment and maintenance of pensions and social benefits. "In the future, as it will increase revenue, lower taxes another time," said Spanish Prime Minister, who said his "main concern" and his "main objective for the next four years is the employ".

As it did in the morning at the press conference offered after the extraordinary Cabinet meeting that approved the electoral process, Rajoy stressed the need to maintain the economic policy of the Executive to consolidate the recovery and returned to bet on himself as candidate for reelection. On the possibility that they need the support of formation to form a minority Government, he said that "it is easier to govern the citizens prefer" the most votes. "The best, most democratic, most reasonable and most fair is that the will of the people is respected," he added in reference to possible pacts on the left to seize power.

Declared defender of bipartisanship and the loss of votes from his party, the conservative Popular Party (PP) in the last local and regional elections, said that "we have had to rule in the most difficult moment" and that "forced us to make very difficult decisions" that now must explain to voters. Rajoy also admitted that "corruption has hurt us very much and probably more than the economic situation." Corruption, he said, "is something that makes a lot of damage, which makes people feel attacked and rightly so." However, he refused to be concerned about the revelations arising from corruption cases.

And on Catalonia and the independence challenge, Rajoy reiterated that "I have never refused dialogue" with the Catalan authorities. "I just refused to have something that is not mine. What's Spain can not change what part of Spain. Dialogue, everything; liquidate national sovereignty, never while still Prime Minister," he said. However, it was in favor of solving the problem of independence "in the political arena".

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