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## The regional president of Catalonia denies corruption of his party

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**USPA NEWS** - The acting president of the regional Government of Catalonia, Artur Mas, appeared Friday in the Catalan Parliament, called to answer for alleged corruption of his party, and denied allegations that he said would only seek to "harm".

Mas appearance came two days after the arrest of the treasurer of his party, Convergencia Democrática de Catalunya (CDC in its acronym in Spanish), and the same day was also arrested the former treasurer of the CDC. These two officials and other detainees, among them are politicians and businessmen, are accused of corruption for allegedly paying commissions to CDC as thanks for the irregular awarding public contracts. Corrupt practices, according to the prosecution, would go back decades when he was president of the regional Government of Catalonia Jordi Pujol.

To parliamentarians, Artur Mas denied the existence of corrupt practices. Research that instructs a Catalan judge only "seeks to hurt, especially a party" political, said that recruitment and defended the regional Government of Catalonia are always "clean" and there is no possibility of "influence of partisan manner or personal" for procurement. This is because, according to Mas, to which the Government of Catalonia has perfected over time award systems providing them with comprehensive controls that make them "more transparent" the Spanish State.

Artur Mas explanations did not convince the opposition, which demanded block renounce his election as president for another term. The leader of Citizens (C's in its acronym in Spanish), the training was second in the Catalan regional elections in September, Albert Rivera, said the new arrests by the Civil Guard and explanations of Mas, which continues to present as a victim of the Spanish State, "confirm what we were saying that Artur Mas is promoting the independence process to cover their liability for cases of corruption."

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