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A Spanish judge cites the Polisario leader hospitalized in Spain for genocide

Among six other crimes

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USPA NEWS - The Spanish National Court has summoned the General Secretary of the Polisario Front, Brahim Ghali, to declare on June 1, who is hospitalized in Logrono (Northern Spain) to be treated for coronavirus. Ghali is at the origin of the diplomatic conflict between Spain and Morocco, which these days is experiencing its moments of greatest tension after at least 8,000 Moroccans, including some 2,000 minors, according to the latest count, illegally crossed the Hispanic-Moroccan border in the North African city of Ceuta.

The Saharawi Association for the Defense of Human Rights (ASADEDH) filed a lawsuit against Brahim Ghali for the crimes of genocide in competition with murder, injuries, illegal detention, terrorism, torture and disappearances, which was filed in October last year for lack of a rogatory commission. Last April, the association registered a letter in the National Court requesting the reopening of the proceedings in the presence of Ghali in Spain. The leader of the Polisario Front had arrived in Spain from Algeria, in a medicalized plane and with a false passport, on April 18, to be treated for coronavirus. His state of health is delicate, according to the doctors who treat him at the San Pedro Hospital in Logrono.

Judge Santiago Pedraz, head of the Central Court number 5 of the National Court, agreed this Wednesday, without opposition from the Prosecutor's Office, to notify Ghali of the complaint once he appears in court or "is discharged from hospital," and rules out, "for the time being," impose precautionary measures because there are still "no clear indications of participation in the conduct included in the complaint."

Brahim Ghali has another procedure open in the National Court, as a result of the complaint filed by the Saharawi blogger Fadel Mihdi Breica, a Spanish national, who in August last year stated that when he arrived in the Tindouf camps in Algeria in 2019, and he organized "acts contrary to the official line" of the Polisario, arrested and subjected to torture in hidden detention centers.

The presence in Spain of the polisario leader responds to "humanitarian reasons," according to the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. However, he has upset the Moroccan Government, which on Tuesday opened its borders with Spain and allowed at least 8,000 of its citizens to leave the country. The avalanche caused a serious humanitarian crisis and a diplomatic conflict between Spain and Morocco, as reported by USPA News. This Wednesday, the Moroccan Police closed its borders again, after the governments of Madrid and Rabat established contact to resolve the crisis. The European Union had previously warned Morocco that the North African country's borders with the Spanish cities of Ceuta and Melilla are also European borders, and it was willing to adopt coercive measures against Morocco.

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