

Question for written answer E-003845/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Alleged intimidation of the judiciary by criminal organisations on the instructions of people close to Pedro Sánchez's government

According to Spanish press reports, in spring 2025, individuals close to the Socialist Party contacted criminal organisations to intimidate the judiciary in exchange for procedural advantages. These mafia-style practices were directed against Beatriz Biedma, the judge presiding over the case against Pedro Sánchez, who was disqualified from public office for malfeasance in public office¹.

Justice Biedma has now requested to join the proceedings as a private prosecutor in the Spanish High Court case against Leire Díez, a former member of the Socialist Party and also known as the PSOE's 'plumber'. These events allegedly constitute the most serious case of politically motivated intimidation of the judiciary ever seen in Spain.

With this in mind:

1. Does the Commission believe that attempts by individuals linked to the Government to encourage criminals to intimidate a judge who was investigating the Prime Minister's brother would be compatible with the principles of the rule of law?
2. Is the Commission monitoring this situation and the numerous judicial investigations currently under way in Spain concerning Pedro Sánchez's inner circle?
3. Does the Commission intend to take into account facts such as these when assessing the independence of the Spanish judiciary in its forthcoming report on the rule of law?

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¹ https://en.ara.cat/politics/the-national-court-accepts-the-judge-who-investigated-sanchez-s-brother-as-an-injured-party-in-the-leire-case_25_5863439.html.