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The judge considered proven illegal funding of PP

Rajoy silent

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USPA NEWS - Judge Pablo Ruz Spanish National Court has closed the investigation into the illegal financing of the Popular Party (PP in its acronym in Spanish) and considers proven that the ruling party led for years a parallel accounting.

With this parallel accounting, according to the judge, the PP funded venues -including the headquarters of Madrid-, election campaigns and bonuses to some party leaders. The investigation, which lasted two years, was initiated following a complaint by former Popular Party treasurer Luis Barcenas, who is in custody for these facts concerning the existence of a 'box B' that drew donations entrepreneurs, direct and in the form of commissions, and with which costs as diverse as bonuses to some prominent party leaders, election campaigns and reforms in venues such as Madrid and La Rioja, all were paid illegally.

The judge has proposed judge six people, including former treasurers PP Luis Barcenas and Alvaro Lapuerta, and former manager of the party Cristobal Paez. It also considers the PP vicariously liable for the criminal acts of so-called 'case Barcenas'. The illegality of these facts is in its condition of black money and that, as a result, was not declared to the tax or taxes paid. The magistrate attributed to Barcenas, Lapuerta, Paez and three employees of the architectural firm that reformed the PP headquarters in Madrid, tax offenses and misappropriation.

The judge also agreed provisional and partial dismissal of another 22 defendants, including several businessmen and former secretary general of PP Angel Acebes. Meanwhile, the president of the PP and the Spanish Government, Mariano Rajoy, is silent. The Spanish president does not cross his best, despite its policy of cuts has managed to end the crisis. But the defeat of the PP in Andalucía March 22 elections and investigating alleged illegal party funding threaten to insufficient economic achievements ahead of the November elections.

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