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Spain confirms that help militarily France although will decide in January

Expected to formally request from Paris

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USPA NEWS - "If France asks for help, it is going to give." Such confidence was expressed Friday the Spanish Interior Minister, Jorge Fernandez Diaz, on the Spanish military contribution to the fight against DAESH. However, the Spanish Government does not take a decision until next January.

The Spanish Government believes that the Spanish participation in military deployment against DAESH must have the maximum political and social support. With an election campaign in doors, this support is not safe despite Thursday signed nine political parties a pact against jihadism. Therefore, the Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, is determined to await the constitution of the new Parliament out of the parliamentary elections on December 20 to meet the requirements of military aid from France. And that constitution will not take place until January 14, 2016.

If the polls are right, the conservative Popular Party will win the elections on December 20. The question is whether it will do so with absolute majority or not. Surveys say that second will be the Socialist Party and third the centrist Citizens, which is already giving its support to the Popular Party in many Spanish municipalities and regions. No doubt, therefore, that if France asks Spain for help will be given. But the Spanish Parliament is dissolved, because the electoral campaign will start at midnight on Friday December 5, and all political parties contesting the polls agree that, if Spain has to decide to send troops to fight the DAESH, should be decided by the full Parliament.

Meanwhile, the Spanish Ministry of Interior issued a statement Friday in which denies that the United States has warned Spain specifically about the use of false passports by terrorists DAESH, and denies that some of the terrorists who participated in the attacks of November 13 in Paris are in Spain. The ministry said the US warning to all EU governments referred not only to Spain. The Spanish Government maintains the terror alert level 4, but does not believe that there is imminent danger of a jihadist attack on Spanish soil.

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