

# Catalonia renews independence bid

If an alliance of pro-secession parties wins a majority in Catalonia's forthcoming election, they will aim to split from Spain within months, despite opposition from Madrid



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Pro-independence parties running on joint ticket called “Together for yes”, led by former eco-socialist MEP **Raül Romeva** (centre), and including centre-right **CDC** party, led by Catalan president **Artur Mas** (right), left-wing **ERC** party, led by **Oriol Junqueras** (left), and pro-independence civil-society groups

## CATALONIA'S PUSH FOR INDEPENDENCE

■ **2010:** Constitutional Court strikes down key terms of 2006 autonomy statute, ruling there is no legal basis for recognising Catalonia as separate nation within Spain

■ **Sep 2012:** 1.5m people take part in independence rally in Barcelona

■ Spanish Prime Minister **Mariano Rajoy** rejects call by Catalan president **Artur Mas** for greater fiscal independence

■ **Nov:** Catalonia holds snap election – 107 out of 135 MPs in new parliament support referendum on self-determination

■ **Jan 2013:** Sovereignty declaration adopted by Catalan parliament

■ **Apr 2014:** Spanish parliament votes against transferring referendum powers to Catalonia

■ **Nov 9:** Catalan government stages symbolic poll on secession, despite strong opposition from Madrid. In non-binding vote, over 80% of those taking part back independence

■ **Sep 27, 2015:** Catalonia expected to hold early election, that pro-secession leaders say will serve as de-facto referendum on leaving Spain