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The Catalan government calls the CIA a liar

For his warning about an attack

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USPA NEWS - The regional government of Catalonia, northeastern of Spain, called the CIA a liar when it said that the notice received in May 25 from the US intelligence agency about a DAESH attack on Barcelona's Rambla was "false" and had "a low credibility".

After a Catalan newspaper published a note allegedly sent by the CIA to the Catalan Police, the Spanish Ministry of the Interior, the Spanish Police and the Civil Guard, the Catalan government was forced to appear at a press conference on Thursday to explain why the Police of Catalonia ignored a notice that indicated with so much precision the place where the DAESH planned to commit an attack this summer. The attack took place on August 17, when a command composed of at least 12 terrorists trampled people walking on the Rambla of Barcelona and attacked the tourist city of Cambrils, causing 17 deaths and more than a hundred wounded.

According to the Catalan Interior manager, Joaquim Forn, the notice received in May was "inaccurate" and had "a low credibility". He included it among the hundreds of warnings about possible terrorist threats that the Catalan Police receive every month. But the CIA note quoted "specifically Barcelona's Rambla" as one of the places where DAESH planned to attack this summer, as it is an area of great influx of tourists. The notice, also sent to the Spanish Government, was sent to Catalonia by the Spanish Police on May 25.

For the opposition in the Parliament of Catalonia, it is urgent that the head of the Interior department of the regional government appear in the Parliament of Catalonia to explain and clarify the contradictions detected in his speech. The conservative Popular Party, the Socialist Party and the centrist Citizens have requested the appearance of Joaquim Forn in the regional Chamber. Among the contradictions mentioned is that the Interior manager said that the document published by the press "is a montage" and, at the same time, admitted to have received it in May. The head of the Catalan Police also said that the notice "was false", but also admitted to have received it.

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