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Results of the Spanish elections caused an earthquake conservative

Leaders calling for the refounding

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USPA NEWS - Local and regional elections on May 24 in Spain have caused a real political earthquake within the Popular Party (PP in its acronym in Spanish) that supports the conservative government of Mariano Rajoy.

The Popular Party of Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, is in crisis. Little has served economic recovery against the specter of corruption that has several former leaders of the party pending court proceedings. Rajoy himself admitted on Monday that corruption was reflected in the election results. After a term in which swept the Conservatives because they achieved absolute majorities in both the national parliament and regional parliaments and city councils of major cities, the elections of May 24 have left a different stage with the PP winner but without an absolute majority in any region and with the probable loss of historically conservative cities such as Madrid, Valencia and Zaragoza.

This scene does not like the leaders of the Spanish Popular Party. But the straw that broke the camel of some prominent members of the "old guard" of the is that PP Rajoy was the announcement on Monday promoting itself as a candidate for reelection in the November legislatives. The number 1 of conservatives Castilla and Leon, the region where the PP obtained the best results on May 24, Juan Vicente Herrera, advised the Prime Minister that before deciding if the best candidate for the legislative "look to mirror." Herrera was particularly resented the lack of self-criticism Rajoy and threatened not to stand as a candidate to investiture as president of Castilla and Leon.

It is not the only one who threatened Tuesday with its withdrawal from the political forefront. The conservative president of the Balearic Islands, Jose Ramón Bauza, announced his resignation after the summer, as the president of the PP of Aragon, Luisa Fernanda Rudi. The president of PP in Valencia, Alberto Fabra, also announced his retirement at the party congress held next January. And the president of the PP in Castilla-La Mancha, Maria Dolores de Cospedal, announced it will open the process of orderly succession on its territory.

The ultimate target is the regeneration of the party, which claimed the PP candidate for mayor of Madrid, the former Minister Esperanza Aguirre, who, however, went further in speaking of the need "refounding" of the Popular Party. Spanish conservatives hurts losing power but above all, they begin to disturb the organic strength of the party, still controlled by people who have spent more than twenty years in the direction of the PP.

People of the same generation and sisters in the past of former officials prosecuted for corruption, whose shadow can lose legislative November the Popular Party. And that is something that terrifies conservative leaders. The question is whether they will have time to regenerate the party before the next election or, otherwise, will be able to connect with the electorate. The answer is in the air.

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