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## Vargas Llosa prophesies an insignificant Catalonia ruled by mediocre fans

### Nobel literature enters campaign

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**USPA NEWS** - The Nobel Mario Vargas Llosa, one of the promoters of the Free and Equal platform has entered secessionist campaign against the project of Catalan nationalism. The Spanish-Peruvian writer believes that independence would be a "catastrophe" for Catalonia.

If declared independent Catalonia would become "a small marginalized country" ruled by "mediocre fans," said Vargas Llosa. In his view, those leaders would be "even more fanatical than those governing now that would be a "catastrophe" for Catalonia. The writer, who participated in a meeting held at the Ateneo of Barcelona, appealed to the conscience and intelligence of the Catalans when voting on Sunday.

For the author of 'The Time of the Hero' and 'Conversation in the Cathedral', it is important that supporters of the unity of Spain is mobilized at the polls and express their opposition to sovereignist project. In the same vein the Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, said at a meeting held in Tarragona, one of the four Catalan provinces. "If you keep quiet, they will win," Rajoy said, who called PP voters to go to the polls to end the "instability" and "uncertainty" caused by the independence project.

Those voters are opposed to independence, according to Rajoy, who must tell the Catalan President, Artur Mas, that "you are not Catalonia; Catalonia us all and we are all equal." Rajoy has intensified this week its presence in Catalonia, in support of the Popular Party candidate, Xavier Garcia-Albiol, trying to mobilize conservative voters who traditionally stay home and not go to vote.

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