
THE BRIEF FROM BRUSSELS: EU'S JUNCKER ON CATALONIA

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The head of the European Commission has dismissed claims from Catalan separatists that they are being oppressed by the Spanish government.

Speaking to Portuguese television, Jean-Claude Juncker said: In Catalonia, we are not dealing with a human rights problem because the Catalan citizens – that I love and whose culture and way of being I respect a lot – are not being oppressed by Spain.

The former prime minister of Luxembourg said that nationalist sentiment was the biggest challenge facing the European Union at present.

I think the biggest threat is nationalism. There is an urgent need to do everything possible so that Europe has power and the nationalism is a poison that prevents Europe from acting together to play an important role in world issues.

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