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## POLICE HUNT EX-CATALAN SEPARATIST LEADER AFTER SHOCK RETURN FROM EXILE

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Police in Barcelona are hunting for the separatist former leader of Catalonia, Carles Puigdemont, who made a dramatic return to Spain after a seven-year exile despite facing an outstanding arrest warrant.

The Mossos d'Esquadra - Catalan police - set up roadblocks within Barcelona and leading out of the city as part of Operation Jaula - or "cage" - aimed at finding Mr Puigdemont, who was seen leaving a rally this morning in a car.

The operation was reportedly ended a few hours later, although Mr Puigdemont does not appear to have been located yet.

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