**PROTESTS FOR PEACE AND DIALOGUE**

On the 7th of October 2017, a collosal amount of white waves of people were spreading all over Spain. Everyone was wearing white clothes because they were asking for peace and dialogue.

Recently two politicians Mariano Rajoy (the president of the Spanish government) and Carles Puigdemond (the president of the Catalan government) have been refusing to talk about Catalonia’s desire to be independent. Some of the people had flags, banners, tshirts saying “Parlem?” which means “talk?” in Catalan. A video of people in Madrid shouting “Carles Mariano a ver si nos hablamos!” (Carles Mariano lets see if we can talk!” has been posted on the Spanish newspaper El Pais website and since then it has spread to other parts of Spain.

After the recent violence in Catalonia, I am extremely persuaded that they should talk. I understand that it may be hard to talk but they really should, because if the tension keeps on rising like this there could be very nasty results. Recent events bring back memories of the Civil War in Spain 1936-1939- how the country ended up at war, because they could not talk.

I have never seen so many police against people in Catalonia. Till now I thought police were good people but now I think differently. But at the same time, it may just be the politicians making the police handle it instead of them handling it which is not appropriate behaviour for a president.

One Spanish woman from Linares, Andalucia in the south of Spain said: “We’re all Spanish but they mustn’t hit the people, they must enter into dialogue”. This 81 yr old woman was a child in the civil war. She fears it happening again> “Things can turn ugly”, she said during her telephone interview with Journalis Amara Gonzalez on 8.10.17. Minutes later, I phone a 30yr old woman from the south of Spain. She said: “Rich people in Catalonia are controlling the city and manipulating the citizens to take attention away from corruption in Catalonia”.

Finally a video on BBC news explains about people’s different views. The main reason for voting NO was that people felt Spanish and Catalan too and the main reason people voted YES was because they want to be free from the Spanish government. Another item on the BBC shows two Catalans saying that the Spanish King’s response was not helping to encourage dialogue.

This shows that the people of Spain as well as the people of Catalonia want peace and dialogue but the politicians and the Spanish King are not istening. So what do you think? How can we make the politicians listen and start to talk?