

## CHAPTER IV CONCLUSION

Spain's Constitutional Court vetoed 14 of its demands, and independence fighters argued that the attenuated act did not satisfy the region regarding the independence level that it desired. It will be a big blow for the Spanish government if they let Catalonia separate from them because of much consideration regarding Catalonia position for Spain and also regarding FC Barcelona one of its successful club in Spain surface.

Football in Catalonia is one of the things that is progressing on the mainland of Spain, FC Barcelona itself is one of the most significant contributors to domestic cup trophies won by Spain so far, outside Barcelona domestic competition is also successful in European competitions and world cup between clubs. This condition would undoubtedly be detrimental to Spain if Catalonia really could break away from them. 90% of the referendum voters believe that their lives will be more prosperous if they succeed in freeing themselves from Spain. They thought that their wealth was taken away by Spain.

Independence is felt to be very far from expectations because Spain itself is unlikely to allow Catalonia to break away for a solid reason given the critical position of Catalonia in Spain and the shadow of FIFA sanctions if Spain fails to solve their football problems.

The Spanish government will block any attempt of the referendum because it will be dangerous for them regarding their position in FIFA. It will breach FIFA statute about the failure to control their internal football because football should be arranged between FIFA and the Federation of the country. Meanwhile, in Catalonia case it involving Catalan governments also so it is 100% breached FIFA statute part 13 about arranging his football without third-party interference. The third party is Catalan governments which used FC Barcelona as their shield in the call for referendum actions.

Among the many contradictions around separatist processes that want nationalism to be launched in Catalonia, there is one that is very prominent. The process that claims to be an expression of democracy that fails in all the criteria that defines what democracy

means in advanced societies, the rule of law, representative institutions and plurality. This is caused by nationalism with us. They talked about the alleged 'right to decide' without specifying that such a thing did not exist, and if it only offered self-determination as something that would allow unilateral splits of integrity and state sovereignty.

Catalonia's independence will greatly affect Spain both in the political and social economy. Especially in the field of own football, Spain will lose its pride, namely FC Barcelona because the location of the team is located in the heart of the city of Catalonia and has become a magnet for public football and the world. FC Barcelona has become one of the Spanish mascots on the world football scene especially with their success in winning several domestic and international competitions in the last few seasons.

If a referendum occurs, Spain must be prepared to lose brand membership in FIFA for a while. Because they will be frozen because they violate Statufa FIFA number 13 about managing their own football without third party interference, the third party mentioned here is the government of Catalonia itself. Meanwhile, football in Spain must only be managed by the federation of Spain and FIFA.

In this case, Spain will experience something experienced by Indonesia in 2015 when the third silence of competition in Indonesia occurred because there were several main versions of football. Indonesia was frozen by FIFA at that time for almost 2 years without competition and development from FIFA.

Referring to this, it is certainly a terrible thing for a country as big as Spain because of their position as one of the European giants. Their absence in a competition will be felt if they are completely frozen. Team teams like Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid, Valencia, and even FC Barcelona will not be able to compete under the competition held by FIFA.

Seeing that, of course, Spain, of course with all their strength, will certainly put all their efforts into keeping the catalonia remain a part of their country in any way to avoid sanctions from FIFA who are waiting ahead if they fail to maintain one of the richest areas in the Spanish championship.

Spain is a strong country in the blue continent football scene. Spanish football has long been one of the mecca of world football because of their distinctive style of play which uses two-touch bait. Seeing this as a football fan will certainly feel something is missing if Spain is frozen or in the sense that its presence is not included in one of the big FIFA competitions. This is one of the other reasons for Spain to maintain Catalonia in any way.

A referendum in Spain is a thing that has been around for a long time but it has become something that has no end, given that both parties feel very disadvantaged. Especially Spain itself feels it will be a lot of harm if it really happens. Given the sanctions that Spain will face, a referendum will not occur in the near future and will always get a lot of extraordinary opposition from the government and the public outside of catalonia. Rivalry can be a rivalry that warms the world of world football, especially Spain.