
Dilma Rouseff Petitions Supreme Court to Review her Case

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The former president who was ousted in a parliamentary coup believes she should be reinstated.

As Brazil continues to descend into turmoil as a result of growing calls for the impeachment of President Michel Temer, former President Dilma Rouseff is calling on the Supreme Court to dismiss her impeachment, which has been widely condemned as a farce and parliamentary coup, and [reinstate](#) her.

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“The country is currently experiencing an acute political and institutional crisis on a scale as large as it has ever been seen,” said Rouseff.

The latest protests against the Temer administration, installed last year after the removal of Rouseff, come on the heels of the most severe scandal to hit the government yet after a wiretap recording revealed Temer had endorsed bribes to keep quiet a powerful witness in corruption investigations.

Temer faces investigations for corruption and obstruction of justice after the damning wiretap.

The president has vowed that he will not step down over the scandal, saying in an interview with

Folha de Sao Paulo, "I won't resign, oust me if you want."

Rouseff was charged with spending money without congressional approval and using an accounting sleight of hand to make the government's budget appear better than it was ahead of her 2014 reelection — a technique used by many previous presidents that critics of the process have argued is not an impeachable offense as defined in the constitution.

Defense lawyers initially appealed Rouseff's [impeachment](#) to Supreme Court administrator, Teori Zavascki, who passed away January, 2017. Since then, her petition has been transferred to Alexandre de Moraes, former ex Minister of Justice, while they continue to await a ruling.

"Every day there is more evidence that the current president of the Republic, not chosen by anyone, is not fit for the mandate," said Rouseff of her former vice president.

So far, 12 requests have been made for Temer's impeachment. According to HispanTV, the Brazilian Bar Association (OAB) concluded Thursday there is enough evidence riding against Temer to proceed with the impeachment process.