

Brazilian President Fears Being Arrested when He Leaves Power

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Brazilia, Dec 24 (Prensa Latina) Brazilian President Michel Temer told reporters that he is afraid of being arrested after leaving office in January, according to a journalist quoted today by the UOL website.

According to the source, close to the ruler recognize that the risk is real and Temer was advised to spend some time abroad. Portugal and possible classes at the University of Coimbra were mentioned.

According to the reporter Josias de Souza, 'a few days after passing the presidential band to Jair Bolsonaro, the outgoing president lives the syndrome of what is to come.

The blog noted that, in explaining to advisors why he ruled out his departure through the international airport, Temer was categorical: 'they're going to say I'm running away, and I'm not going to run away, I'm going to face the situation.

Temer's fear was revived when Attorney General Raquel Dodge accused him of passive corruption and money laundering, with an estimated diversion of R\$32.6 million (a little over US\$8 million) between August 2016 and June 2017.

The criminal actions are of greater concern to the head of state because he is involved in two other denunciations made by the former attorney general Rodrigo Janot, based on the denunciations of the JBS group, which have been frozen since last year and will be withdrawn from that level.

On January 1, Temer will hand over the presidential sash to Bolsonaro, who won the October elections with more than 55 percent of the vote.

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