

# *Uruguay's Jose 'Pepe' Mujica Says Coup in Brazil Was Premeditated*

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Asunción, September 6 (RHC)-- Jose 'Pepe' Mujica, a senator and former president of Uruguay, said that deposed Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff was ousted because she did not yield to pressure from politicians accused of corruption and for not being corrupt herself.

During a meeting with worker's unions in Uruguay, Mujica said: "This woman was condemned for not entering into corruption." The former Uruguayan president said the impeachment process against Rousseff began after she refused to give parliamentary protection to former speaker of the Lower House, Eduardo Cunha.

Cunha was suspended by the Supreme Court in May over allegations he directly participated in the state-run oil company Petrobras' corruption scheme. He is being investigated for receiving \$40 million in bribes and hiding money in Swiss bank accounts.

Mujica said both the Workers Party and the president didn't intervene to prevent the investigations, and according to him that was the reason behind Rousseff's conviction.

"What they had in Brazil was a coup. Put whichever name you want, but that's the way it is," said Mujica. It was "the consummation of a coup that was previously announced some time ago."

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