

Peruvian Congress Ousts cabinet



Lima, September 16 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Peru's Congress ousted President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski's cabinet in a vote of no-confidence on Friday, pushing the Andean country into its worst political crisis in years.

Peru's single-chamber Congress, where opposite Popular Force has an absolute majority, voted 77-22 to dismiss Prime Minister Fernando Zavala's cabinet.

Kuczynski now has 72 hours to swear in a new cabinet. While he cannot name Zavala as prime minister again, Kuczynski can reappoint other ministers in his cabinet.

Kuczynski dared Congress on Wednesday to revoke its confidence in his cabinet if it insisted on forcing out his second education minister.

Kuczynski's former education and finance ministers had been forced to resign amid allegations of ethical breaches, while a third minister quit to avoid being censured.

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