

Brazilian Supreme Court lifts ban on Temer's banking records



Brasilia, March 7 (RHC)-- Brazil's Supreme Court has ruled that a block be removed allowing the access to the banking transactions statements of the account of President Michel Temer.

The ruling by Justice Luis Roberto Barroso gives permission for the use of the records by investigators to build a case against the head of state, a source told EFE. The Federal Police will now have access to Temer's banking transactions dated between January 1, 2013 and June 30, 2017.

Authorities are currently investigating whether Temer's Brazilian Democratic Movement received bribes after making amends to the ports law in May 2017. Former Attorney General Rodrigo Janot determined that the adjustment was gainful for port company Rodrimar. The company is run by former advisers and friends of President Temer.

Intercepted telephone activity in May 2017 led to suspicions of irregularities in the issuance of the Provisional Measure of Ports, the Federal Public Ministry confirmed.

Globo TV reported that Temer has declared that he will grant the press access to his financial records. "President Michel Temer will request from the Central Bank the statements of his bank accounts referring to the period mentioned today in the despatch of the eminent minister Luís Roberto Barroso, and will give the press full access to these documents. The president has no concern with the information contained in his bank accounts," according to a statement from Temer's legal representatives.

Brazil's Supreme Court of Justice, just days ago, ordered that Temer be named in the ongoing investigation involving construction giant Odebrecht allegedly gave money -- \$3 million in illicit funds -- to his Brazilian

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