

Top Brazilian court will re-consider appeal by Lula da Silva



Brasilia, June 11 (RHC)-- The Supreme Federal Court (STF) Judge Gilmar Mendes has cleared for trial on Monday the request for freedom of former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, according to Brazilian media.

The habeas corpus (HC) was presented by Lula's defense last year when then-judge Sergio Moro accepted Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's appointment to lead the Justice Ministry. This time around it is expected that the request will be analyzed by June 25, by a Second Panel of the STF.

The recent update on Lula's case comes one day after The Intercept Brazil published an extensive and hard-hitting expose on the alleged political motivations behind Operation Car Wash (Lava Jato) task force against the former president and the Worker's Party (PT), as well as the unethical involvement of current Minister of Justice, Sergio Moro.

The documents were released in a three-part series where according to The Intercept, it is proven, based on leaked documents and Telegram messages between prosecutors and Moro, that the supposedly "apolitical" and "unbiased" team spent hours internally plotting how to prevent the return to power by Lula and his party. The revelations show there was a total lack of hard and documented evidence to establish a case against Luis Ignacio Lula da Silva.

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