

Brazil's Lower House to Be Led by Man Investigated for Murder



Brasilia, May 19 (RHC-teleSUR) -- Interim president of Brazil and parliamentary coup promoter Michel Temer has chosen a politician investigated for corruption and attempted murder as the new leader of the Lower House.

Andre Moura, who belongs to the conservative Social Christian Party, is being investigated for participating in a corruption and bribery network inside the state's oil company Petrobras, known as Lava Jato.

He is also being investigated for allegedly buying votes in the Senate, misappropriation of public property during his time as mayor of the municipality of Pirambú, and an attempted murder of a bodyguard for his successor as mayor.

Moura has denied these allegations and blamed his political rivals for trying to involve him in a scandal to end his political career.

Temer has also named Romero Juca as Administration Minister and Henrique Alves as Tourism Minister, both of whom are currently under investigation for their involvement in the same Petrobras corruption scandal as Moura.

The Order of Attorneys of Brazil has demanded their expulsion from Temer's Cabinet. According to local attorneys, those involved in the Petrobras bribery scandal paid more than US\$2 billion in exchange for beneficial contracts.

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