

# *OAS Has Nothing to Say After the Right Topples Dilma Rousseff*

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Washington, September 4 (RHC)-- The Organization of American States, the OAS, has remained silent on the Brazilian Senate's moves to oust President Dilma Rousseff. As Brazil's political elite completed their plot to remove Dilma, the OAS had nothing to say -- while at the same time issuing a lengthy statement in favor of opposition protests in Venezuela.

In a press released issued in Washington, the OAS said: "We congratulate the peaceful protest carried out by the Venezuelan people in Caracas, which confirms their will to reach a democratic resolution with a recall referendum." This followed a lengthy press release on the September 1st protests released by the OAS on Tuesday that accused the government of Venezuela of "intimidating" the opposition, calling on Caracas to "respect" human rights and allow the protests by the opposition and right-wing parties.

However, despite the OAS's implications, there were no reports of violence nor was there a police crackdown on those who took to the streets of Venezuela on Thursday both in favor and against the government.

In May, OAS Secretary-General Luis Almagro invoked the body's Democratic Charter against Venezuela, which could lead to the suspension of the South American nation from the body. Yet Almagro remained silent as Brazil moved ahead with a dubious impeachment process, led by senators implicated in a corruption probe. Leaked conversations reveal the senators had sought to block investigations into their

involvement by removing Dilma Rousseff from the presidency.

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