

FBI Director Comes Under Fire for Probe of Hillary Clinton E-mails



Washington, November 1 (RHC)-- In the United States, controversy continues to swirl over FBI Director James Comey's announcement to congressional leaders that the agency is investigating more e-mails as part of its probe into Hillary Clinton's use of a private e-mail system.

The e-mail messages were discovered as part of a probe into former Congress-member Anthony Weiner, the estranged husband of top Clinton aide Huma Abedin, who is under investigation after he sent illicit sext messages to an underage girl.

On Monday, the FBI says it began to load the e-mails into a computer program for analysis, although it's still not clear whether the investigation will be finished by Election Day -- exactly one week away.

The Clinton campaign is attacking FBI Director James Comey, accusing him of a double standard after claims surfaced Monday that Comey argued earlier in October against naming Russia as meddling in the U.S. election and investigating a potential connection between Russia and the Trump campaign, because he thought it was too close to Election Day.

Also on Monday, a spokesperson with the Office of Special Counsel indicated Comey himself may be under investigation for potentially violating the Hatch Act, which prohibits employees of the executive branch from engaging in political activity.

Comey was first appointed to be deputy U.S. attorney general by President George W. Bush in 2003, then was appointed to be FBI director by President Barack Obama.

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