

Former Peruvian President Garcia Accused of Corruption



Lima, March 7 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Former Peruvian president Alan Garcia has been accused of allegedly receiving bribes from Brazilian construction company Odebrecht, the special prosecutor for the Odebrecht case announced on Monday.

Prosecutor Katherine Ampuero also denounced former minister of transport and communications Enrique Cornejo and former executive director of Lima's Electric Train Authority Oswaldo Plascencia for their involvement in the bribery case.

Elmer Cuba, Garcia's former deputy minister of communications, has already been arrested for having received 2 million U.S. dollars from Odebrecht in order to grant it the concession to build Lima's Electric Train.

The prosecutor in the case added that her office assigned to this case had taken an active role in the investigation, allowing it to gather documents and evidence leading to these charges against Garcia and his collaborators.

According to testimony provided by Odebrecht senior executives arrested in Brazil, the company paid around 8 million U.S. dollars in bribes during Garcia's government to be granted the right to build the train.

Peru's Public Ministry is also pursuing investigations into whether other former presidents had received millions of dollars in bribes from Odebrecht.

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