

Brazil Lower House Passes Anti-Spy Law



Brasilia, March 26 (RHC) – Brazil's lower house of Congress, the Chamber of Deputies, has passed a new anti-spy Internet law in the wake of recent revelations about global spying activities by the United States, PressTV news channel reported.

The legislation, approved on Tuesday, aims at protecting the privacy of Brazilian Internet users and guaranteeing equal access to the World Wide Web.

According to the legislation, companies such as Google and Facebook are subject to Brazilian laws and courts in cases involving information on the South American country's citizens.

"Brazil is a giant country, and passage of this law will provide a model for implementing net neutrality as a policy measure in other major markets," said Katherine Maher, advocacy director for International digital rights organization Access.

The new law was passed following revelations that the US National Security Agency (NSA) had spied on personal communications of Brazilians, including those of President Dilma Rousseff.



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