

Brazilian congress summons Sergio Moro to hearing on Intercept leaks



Brasilia, June 14 (RHC)-- In Brazil, the Lower House summoned Justice Minister Sergio Moro to a hearing on June 26th to testify about The Intercept-leaked audios, in which he and Attorney General Deltan Dallagnol coordinated a joint action to prevent former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva from running in the 2018 presidential elections.

"The minister is haunted by the Intercept revelations and even more so to come. He must, after all, be remembering much of everything he did," Marcio Jerry, a congressman from the Communist Party (PCdoB), said.

The Human Rights and Minority Commission (CDHM), the Labor, Administration and Public Service Committee (CTASP) and the Financial Control Committee (CFFC) decided to hold a single joint hearing at the Constitution and Justice Commission (CCJC).

The information disclosed by The Intercept shows that the then acting federal judge Moro advised prosecutors in several phases of the "Car Wash" case, which was an illegal interference that led to a ban on Lula's candidacy while remaining in prison and boosted Jair Bolsonaro's chances at winning the

presidency.

The Supreme Justice Court vice president Luiz Fux also came under fire this week when new revelations showed that he was also involved in the scandal, calling into question the fairness of the trial behind Lula's conviction.

The Intercept Brazil director Leandro Demory revealed Monday that Judge Fux had supported Dallagnol and Moro in their actions. According to The Intercept, Moro suggested that the prosecutors of Car Wash case change the order of the phases of the operation and other procedures that supposed to be prohibited by law.

The confidential information disclosed have caused a stir in Brazil and led the defense of Lula to reiterate that the leftist politician is a victim of political persecution, prompting them to demand that the trial against him should be declared null and void.???????

In 2017, Moro handed down a sentence of to nine years and six months in prison to Lula for corruption, arguing that he had received a beach apartment in exchange for political favors to the Odebrecht construction multinational company.

While many Brazilians were expressing their astonishment at The Intercept leaks, Minister Moro and President Bolsonaro met at the Alvorada Palace earlier this week and were later seen together at a military ceremony and at a soccer game in Brasilia.?

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