

# *Former Brazilian President Lula da Silva Rejects 'Low Blows'*

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Brasilia, February 15 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has lashed out at critics, saying those trying to tarnish his name do so with “low blows.”

In statements to the Folha de Sao Paulo newspaper, the former president said the accusations of corruption leveled against him have no basis in fact and no proof has been offered that can tie him to the scandal involving the state-owned oil company, Petrobras.

Lula's supporters have suggested that this campaign is being done in anticipation of Lula's expected candidacy in the 2018 presidential election.

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