

Former Brazilian Minister Says Coup Government Wants to Bury Corruption Probe



Brasilia, September 13 (RHC)-- The former attorney general of Brazil said he believes the government of Michel Temer removed him from his post in order to sink the ongoing corruption probe investigating the massive corruption scandal involving the country's state oil company.

"I have no doubt that I was fired because the government wants to contain the investigation," Fabio Medina Osorio told *Veja* magazine in an exclusive interview. Upon taking office, the Temer regime cleaned house, removing all of Rousseff's ministers.

Osorio was chosen for the post by Temer and appointed as attorney general in May after the Brazilian Congress voted to proceed with impeachment proceedings against democratically elected President Dilma Rousseff. Osorio never served under Rousseff and is not seen as a sympathizer of Brazil's left.

He was removed from his post and replaced by Grace Mendonca, the first woman in what was an all-white male cabinet. Osorio told *Veja* in an interview immediately after his dismissal that he believes Temer and his ministers "fear that the investigation will go far."

The former attorney general said he intended to open an investigation into the possible role of high-ranking officials and politicians in the scandal. He said he met stiff resistance from the coup regime when he requested access to the corruption probe.

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