

Reports Say U.S. Spied on Brazilian Officials, German Media



Berlin, July 8 (RHC)-- WikiLeaks and The Intercept have revealed the National Security Agency's targeting of Brazilian officials was far wider than initially known.

While previous reports revealed the NSA targeted Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff's personal cellphone, newly-revealed documents show the agency targeted the cellphones and other devices of more than a dozen top Brazilian political and financial officials, including the phone on Rousseff's presidential plane.

The revelations come amid reports the United States also spied on the German news-magazine Der Spiegel. Meanwhile, former Attorney General Eric Holder, who waged an unprecedented crackdown on whistleblowers during his tenure, has said the "possibility exists" for the Justice Department to cut a deal with NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, allowing him to return to the United States from Russia.



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