

Brazil's Lower House Ready to Begin Impeachment Drive



Brasilia, April 13 (RHC-Xinhua) -- Brazil's Chamber of Deputies (the lower house of parliament) announced Tuesday it is set to vote Sunday on whether or not to launch an impeachment process against President Dilma Rousseff.

Eduardo Cunha, president of the Chamber of Deputies, told Brazilian lawmakers they would begin to debate the issue early Friday and put it to a vote Sunday night. If the chamber votes in favor of the impeachment, the motion then will go to the Senate, where it will be debated and voted on again before a congressional impeachment process can begin.

Rousseff's political opponents said her administration inflated the public accounts prior to her run for re-election in 2014, and generally mismanaged the economy. Rousseff refuted the charges, describing the push for the impeachment as a "coup" by rival political groups for grabbing power.

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