

# *Russia Blames 'Foreign Interference' for Brazil Coup*

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Moscow, May 13 (RHC)-- The Russian Foreign Ministry spoke out Wednesday against the efforts to oust Rousseff, pinning the move on "foreign interference." Russia and Brazil have an important relationship and are members of the influential BRICS group.

A 2015 document, reported in various Russian news agencies, addressed the possibility of U.S. intelligence agency involvement in the parliamentary coup against President Dilma Rousseff. "It is quite possible that the CIA is involved in the plan to stage riots in Brazil nationwide," the Russian news outlets said in a 2015 report.

One article by Pravda explains that over the past few years, BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) have become a significant geopolitical threat to the interests of the United States.

The report added that one of Washington's biggest worries is Rousseff's support for creating a new world reserve currency, as well as the threat BRICS poses to the U.S. dollar.

"The reasons, for which Washington wants to get rid of Dilma Rousseff, are easy to understand," Sputnik wrote. "She signed the agreement about the establishment of the (BRICS) New Development Bank with the initial registered capital worth \$100 billion reserve fund, as well as additional \$100 billion."

Rousseff has also angered Washington by blocking major U.S. oil and mining companies from returning to Brazil and instead looking to China for investment. The United States has been looking to shore up its stakes in natural resources in Latin America, as indicated by the WikiLeaks revelation that Hillary Clinton pressured Mexico to privatize its oil industry when she was U.S. Secretary of State.

Sputnik noted that U.S. Vice President Joe Biden visited Brazil in May 2013 to try to persuade Rousseff to allow U.S. companies to access the country's oil fields -- a proposal denied by the Brazilian president. In the period after Biden's visit, protests erupted across the South American country and her rating dropped from 70 percent to 30 percent.

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