

Brazilian Supreme Court Authorizes Police to Interrogate Temer in Writing



Rio de Janeiro, May 31 (RHC-Xinhua), -- A Brazilian Supreme Court Justice on Tuesday authorized the federal police to interrogate President Michel Temer in writing over the Petrobras corruption scandal.

In his statement, Edson Fachin did not specify a date for the interrogation but said it should happen within 10 days. Once the written questions are delivered to Temer, he will have 24 hours to respond in the same way.

Temer is being investigated by the Supreme Court for passive corruption, obstruction of justice and illicit association.

In a recording revealed by JBS executive Joesley Batista, Temer can seemingly be heard agreeing to bribe judges, prosecutors and former House Speaker Eduardo Cunha.

Last week, Temer's defense team asked the Supreme Court to not force the president to be interrogated.

Temer's lawyers hold the president could not be compelled to give testimony to the police while the analysis of the Batista recording has not been completed. They argued the full analysis was "very necessary given the severe doubts" about the tape.

Temer has refused to resign, saying he had done nothing wrong and the recording had been doctored.

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