

Brazil Coup Government Moves to Change Definition of Slavery



Brasilia, May 21 (RHC)-- The new, unelected government in Brazil is reversing progressive measures by President Dilma Rousseff by taking over Indigenous land and attacking labor laws.

According to observers, Brazil's new unelected government is looking to introduce new measures that would "soften the definition of slavery" in the country in what is being seen as a roll back of many of the reforms introduced by the government of President Dilma Rousseff.

The new measures will be introduced by the newly appointed Agriculture Minister Blairo Maggi and are expected to worsen conditions for vulnerable workers in farming and food processing, according to a report by The Guardian on Friday.

Maggi, one of the richest men in Brazil who owns the world's largest Soya company, has proposed legislation that would separate "degrading conditions" and "exhausting shifts" from the definition of slavery, the newspaper reported, citing public record documents available online.

In February, Brazil's Ministry of Labor fined 340 Brazilian companies for slave labor practices, including forced labor and people working in degrading conditions for little or no pay in rural and urban areas.

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