

Peru's New President Probed in Petrobras Corruption Scandal



Lima, June 24 (RHC)-- The recently-elected president of Peru, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski has been summoned by the country's anti-corruption body to defend himself in the Brazilian corruption case known as Operation Car Wash.

When he was leading the Ministers' Council under former President Alejandro Toledo, Kuczynski promulgated a bill that favored Brazilian firm Odebrecht for the construction project of the Interoceanic Highway between Brazil and Peru. This, in spite of the fact that the treasury inspector's office had warned that the company was not allowed to participate in the project.

Operation Car Wash is one of Brazil's largest corruption scandals. The scheme consisted of companies bribing senior Petrobras officials and other public offices to get "overbilled" contracts with the state oil company.

Dozens of senior executives of construction companies have already been detained for their alleged involvement in the scandal between 2004 and 2012. The diverted money amounts to some \$8 billion USD.



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