

Path to Rousseff impeachment

Suspended president Dilma Rousseff is appearing before the Brazilian Senate to offer testimony in a trial that could see her permanently removed from office over accusations she violated the nation's budget laws

Apr 11: Congressional committee

65-member cross-party body votes in favour of launching impeachment process against Rousseff



Apr 17: Lower house of Congress

"Yes" camp wins required two-thirds majority to open impeachment proceedings



May 12: Senate (upper house)

Vote suspends Rousseff for 180 days. Vice President **Michel Temer** (inset left) becomes interim president



Aug 9: Senate indictment

Rousseff opponents secure simple majority needed to hold impeachment trial



Aug 25-26 / Aug 29-30: Trial

Two-thirds Senate majority required to permanently remove Rousseff



If Rousseff is impeached, Temer would complete her mandate until end of 2018 and she would be ineligible to stand for public office for eight years

