

Choices for South Korea's scandal-hit Park

South Korean President Park Geun-hye is facing mounting calls to step down as prosecutors prepare to question her over allegations of corruption involving her longtime confidante Choi Soon-sil



VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION

Election takes place within 60 days – Prime Minister assumes duties of President until successor is chosen

IMPEACHMENT

Motion needs approval by two-thirds majority in Parliament. If upheld by nine-judge Constitutional Court, new election takes place within 60 days. Otherwise President is reinstated

RELINQUISH POWER

President stays in office until end of her term in Feb 2018, but authority on key state affairs is handed over to new prime minister and cabinet appointed by Parliament

Crisis: Allegations centre on **Choi Soon-sil** (right), daughter of late religious leader **Choi Tae-min**, who was Park's mentor. Ms Choi befriended Park after president's father, **Park Chung-hee**, was assassinated in 1979



STATUS QUO

Park could stay, hoping that public protests will subside. President cannot be criminally indicted while in office, except for treason

Charges: Choi arrested for allegedly coercing companies like **Samsung** and **Hyundai** to donate to foundations she profited from, based on her ties to Park. Also accused of involvement in high-level presidential decision-making without security clearance

