

Downfall of South Korea's Park Geun-hye

■ **Oct 24, 2016:** South Korean broadcaster **JTBC** breaks open scandal by uncovering presidential speeches in tablet computer belonging to **Choi Soon-sil**, friend of President **Park Geun-hye**

■ **Oct 25:** Park admits close ties to Choi (*right*), nicknamed “shaman adviser”, and apologises for “national concerns”



■ **Dec 9:** Parliament votes to impeach Park. She is stripped of powers while awaiting court decision on vote. Prime Minister **Hwang Kyo-ahn** becomes acting president

■ **Feb 17, 2017:** **Samsung** Group chief, **Lee Jae-yong**, arrested for suspected role in scandal



■ **Oct. 29:** First of series of large anti-Park rallies held in Seoul

■ **Oct 31:** Choi arrested on suspicion of exerting inappropriate influence over state affairs

■ **Nov 20:** State prosecutors accuse president of being “collusively involved” in criminal activities by two former aides, who allegedly bullied companies into giving millions of dollars to foundations and businesses Choi controlled

■ **Feb 28:** Special prosecutors indict Lee and other company executives for bribery and embezzlement

■ **Mar 6:** Special prosecutor says Park colluded with Choi to take bribes from Samsung Group, paving way for her to be prosecuted

■ **Mar 10:** **Constitutional Court** upholds parliament's vote to impeach Park, removing her from office

