

# Timeline of Brazil's "Car Wash" scandal

Brazil's Supreme Court has ordered investigations into eight ministers in President Michel Temer's cabinet and dozens of lawmakers allegedly linked to the country's biggest ever corruption scandal

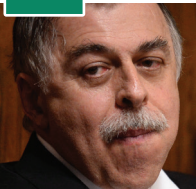


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Temer

■ **Mar 2016:** Police question former president **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**, who held office from 2003-2010 when much of corruption is said to have taken place. Prosecutors accuse Lula of taking bribes in form of real estate



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■ **Mar 2014**  
**Operation Lava Jato** (Car Wash) begins as routine money laundering probe of service station in Brasilia

■ Investigation leads to arrest of **Paulo Roberto Costa** (above), former director of state-run oil giant Petrobras. Costa testifies that company channelled dirty money to ruling Workers' Party and its allies

■ **Mar 2015:** Supreme Court approves inquiry into 34 senior politicians suspected of involvement with Petrobras scheme

■ **Jun:** Brazilian construction boss **Marcelo Odebrecht** (right) arrested after his company is found to have bribed officials to win inflated contracts from Petrobras



**ODEBRECHT**



■ **May:** Congress votes to suspend Lula's successor, **Dilma Rousseff**, for manipulating government accounts. Temer takes over but is caught up in scandal as several of his ministers are forced to resign

■ **Jan 2017:** Confessions by 77 Odebrecht executives provide flood of new allegations and reveal firm paid bribes for contracts in several other countries. Odebrecht expected to pay at least \$3.5bn in settlement with Brazil, Switzerland and U.S.

■ **Apr 11:** Supreme Court opens probes against 108 politicians, including Temer's chief of staff **Eliseu Padilha** and ministers of foreign affairs, agriculture and trade. Further 201 investigations, targeting figures such as Lula and Rousseff, to be determined by lower courts