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# Peru Congress Ousts Dina Boluarte in Unanimous 124–0 Vote, Triggering Presidential Succession

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*With a unanimous 124–0 vote, Peru’s Congress removed Dina Boluarte from office, declared the presidency vacant and triggered the constitutional line of succession.*



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In an “immediate” session convened under Article 89-A of Congress rules, Peru’s Parliament approved by **124 votes in favor, 0 against and 0 abstentions** the **removal of Dina Boluarte**, formally declaring the presidency vacant. The resolution ends a nearly two-year administration marred by unpopularity, paralysis and institutional strain, and opens a new chapter of political uncertainty.

**Vacancia** is the declaration of the Congress that the presidential office is vacant. In practice, it **amounts to a removal by congressional vote**. In this case, lawmakers invoked “**permanent moral incapacity**” (a ground set out in Article 113 of Peru’s Constitution), which Congress has interpreted broadly.

# Dina Boluarte's ouster: the 124–0 vote and Peru's political rupture

Dina Boluarte did not appear on the floor; her defense was led by attorney **Juan Carlos Portugal**, who accused Congress of violating due process and a reasonable time frame. “**We will not endorse this!**” he warned before the debate, signaling the defense would take the case “**to the appropriate constitutional and supranational bodies.**” The **removal of Dina Boluarte** also rekindles long-standing scrutiny, from the “Rolex case” to deaths during protests and a cabinet in constant disarray.

## Dina Boluarte's ouster: what comes next in the succession

With the removal approved, the constitutional **line of succession** under Article 115 is activated immediately: the **president of Congress, José Jerí Oré** (Somos Perú), must assume the Presidency of the Republic within hours. A lawyer by training, Jerí steps in amid controversy — he has faced **prior complaints** reported by the press — and will have to manage a transition with a Congress that projects power but also exhibits fatigue and disrepute.

The Constitutional Court's ruling in **August 2025** had paused prosecutorial investigations while the mandate lasted; the **vacancy** immediately reopens those case files, from the **Rolex case** to proceedings over deaths in the protests. Boluarte's defense has already said it will appeal to the **TC** and the **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)**, arguing violations of the right to a defense, reasonable time limits and the duty to provide reasoned decisions.

The removal underscores the **instability** of Peru's political system: **six presidents in seven years**, rapid-fire successions and a Congress that has turned the **vacancy** into an ordinary instrument of power. Peru enters another transition, with a legislature that devours its allies, a weakened presidency and an election calendar that shapes every decision.

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