

FORMER SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT ARRESTED IN BRIBERY INVESTIGATION

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A court has ordered the arrest of former South Korean President Lee Myung-bak over allegations of bribery.

Lee is the second former leader of South Korea to face corruption charges in just over a year. Park Geun-hye, his successor, was removed from office last year after being impeached over a corruption scandal that engulfed the entire country from late 2016.

Lee, the president from 2008 to 2013, is suspected of taking \$10M in bribes from various organisations; including the country's national intelligence agency, the Samsung Group and senior business figures.

While the prospect of a former South Korean leader facing bribery allegations is nothing new, the circumstances of this case will differ from any previous one. Each case is unique. And this case, like any other, will stand or fall on the quality of the evidence against the accused – and his legal team's ability to challenge the evidence and allegations made against him.

Many cases can look "open and shut" at first glance. But that is rarely the true situation. Allegations can be challenged, counter arguments made and evidence produced to disprove what the authorities are alleging.

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