

The judge's decisions in the case are now annulled, meaning a likely retrial.



AFP A number of car

belonging to Mr Batista have been confiscated by a court order

A new judge is expected to be appointed in the case, which began last November.

Mr Batista was once Brazil's richest person, with an estimated \$30bn (£20bn) fortune.

He is accused of manipulating market charges in the sales of shares of two of his companies. He has denied wrongdoing.

If convicted, he faces up to 13 years in prison.

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