

Prison doctors: Fujimori isn't in bad health

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LIMA --

(AP) -- Prison doctors on Tuesday denied claims that former President Alberto Fujimori, detained here awaiting trial on corruption and murder charges, is in poor health and should be transferred to a hospital.

Fujimori, who fled Peru for Japan seven years ago as his 1990-2000 government collapsed in scandal, was extradited from Chile on Saturday to face the charges.

On Monday, Fujimori's daughter and defense attorney complained that the former president suffers from high blood pressure and is being held in a small room "with nowhere to move around."

Prison doctors told journalists that Fujimori has "minor" blood pressure problems and needs to reduce his salt intake, but ruled out the need to move the former president to a hospital.

Also Tuesday, local TV broadcast a video provided by prison officials showing an ample two-room cell where they said Fujimori is being held.

Fujimori, who calls the charges against him politically motivated and says he has a clear conscience, is currently being held at a police base in eastern Lima until a permanent facility is prepared for his detention.