

Seoul, South Korea (CNN) Massive protests roiled Seoul for the second consecutive weekend as hundreds of thousands of angry South Koreans took to the streets Saturday calling for President Park Geun-hye's resignation.

The march, which included families with young children, students -- some in school uniforms -- and union members, came as opposition to Park mounts following her unprecedented admission that she shared classified information with someone who lacked the necessary security clearance. It was one of the biggest anti-government protests the country has seen in decades.

The President has already apologized twice, but that has done little to quell the rage of many South Koreans who say they feel betrayed. Indeed, some protesters are saying the marches won't stop until she resigns.

Chu Mia, a protester who was wearing devil's horns and holding a Korean sign saying Park should **step down**, said, "We don't want to call her ... President anymore. We want a real government." She also said South Koreans have been **stunned** to find that there seems to be "somebody behind her," referring to Park's

**confidante**, Choi Soon-sil, who does not hold an official government post, but has **allegedly** viewed <u>confidential documents and presidential speeches</u>. "We didn't give this person the power," she said.



Frustrations have grown against the South Korean President, with more protests Saturday in Seoul. Media and opposition parties have accused Choi of using her relationship with Park to accumulate millions of dollars in donations to her foundations. Prosecutors arrested Choi on charges of abuse of power and attempted fraud. Two of Park's former aides have also been arrested, according to Yonhap.

Last weekend, tens of thousands of protesters called for Park to step down, in the process blocking a 16-lane highway in the capital. Leaders at last weekend's protests gave speeches between musical performances. "This sort of corruption happened during her father's time, but 40 years later, things like this are met with resistance from the public," one protester told CNN. Another, holding a candle and with her child beside her, said: "I brought my child so that she could witness democracy in action and also to show her this dark time in our history."

Park is South Korea's first female president. She's also the daughter of Park

Chung-hee, the country's president from 1961 to 1979, who was **assassinated** by
his own intelligence chief. The late Park is **hailed** by some as the **mastermind**behind the country's current **prosperity** but criticized by others as a dictator who
violated human rights and crushed dissent.

## Other issues dogging Park

The **classified** information scandal, while rare and shocking in South Korea, isn't the only reason many are calling for her to step down.



Songs and speeches are a part of Saturday's protests in downtown Seoul.

There has been growing frustration with Park over the past few years **stemming** from a number of **incidents**, including the Sewell ferry sinking, which killed more than 300 people. Many South Koreans were outraged more people couldn't be saved when the ferry sank.