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POLITICS

MEDICAL TEAM IN SÃO PAULO RULES OUT EMERGENCY SURGERY ON BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT BOLSONARO

With intestinal obstruction and pain in the abdomen, the president was admitted early Wednesday night at Vila Nova Star hospital in São Paulo, after being hospitalized in Brasília throughout the day. [Read more.](#)

BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE OPEN INVESTIGATION AGAINST BOLSONARO REGARDING COVAXIN VACCINE PURCHASE NEGOTIATIONS

Federal police opened an investigation this Monday (12) into Brazil's president, Jair Bolsonaro, for possible irregularities in Covid-19 vaccine purchase negotiations. The process was officially opened by the police after the authorization of Justice Rosa Weber of the Supreme Court, following a request made by the Prosecutor's Office. The investigation, which should be concluded within 90 days, aims to establish whether the President committed official dereliction of duty or other crimes in the negotiations to purchase the Covaxin vaccine produced by the Indian pharmaceutical company Bharat Biotech. [Read more.](#)

BRAZILIAN SENATE EXTENDS COVID CPI FOR 90 DAYS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS

The president of the Brazilian Senate, Rodrigo Pacheco, authorized on Wednesday (14) the extension for 90 days of the period during which the committee investigates possible failures, omissions, and suspicions of corruption in the management of the coronavirus pandemic. In early 2021, some 30 senators, the majority of whom are in opposition to the Bolsonaro administration, submitted a petition to the President of the Senate calling for a CPI to investigate (mis)management and omissions by the federal government in fighting the coronavirus pandemic. [Read more.](#)

BRAZILIAN CHAMBER PRESIDENT'S FOUR PREREQUISITES FOR STARTING IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST BOLSONARO

Chamber of Deputies president Arthur Lira (PP-AL) has said to interlocutors that the opening of an impeachment proceeding would require at least one of four conditions to move forward: an economic recession, low employment generation, lack of political support for the government, or abuse of office. [Read more.](#)

MAJORITY OF BRAZILIANS OPPOSE INVOLVEMENT OF ACTIVE MILITARY IN BRAZILIAN POLITICS

The majority of the population is against the involvement of active-duty military personnel in political demonstrations and in federal government positions. The topic has been the focus of several crises in the Jair Bolsonaro administration. According to Datafolha, 62% of Brazilian adults think that uniformed personnel should not be involved in this type of activity, such as the case of active-duty general Eduardo Pazuello on May 23 in Rio de Janeiro, when he stood on a platform alongside the president. For 39%, the activity is acceptable, and 4% were unable to opine. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S 2022 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE EDUARDO LEITE IS YOUNG, SERIOUS, BUSINESSFRIENDLY, AND GAY – MODERN BRAZIL SHOWS ITS FACE

Is Brazil finally entering the 21st century after far-left Lula and far-right Bolsonaro? Leite could unite the huge urban population that wants one thing above all: To lead Brazil, this giant with exuberant wealth in its soil and unlimited possibilities in the brains of its people, into the future. [Read more.](#)

EX-GOVERNOR OF CEARÁ CIRO GOMES ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR BRAZIL'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Former governor of Ceará and pre-candidate for the 2022 presidential election, Ciro Gomes from the Democratic Labor Party (PDT) has presented himself as a candidate for the third way. In a video posted on social networks on Monday (12), Ciro says that the "hardest thing" is to know "what we have to do" for the country. "Because the easiest thing we know is that we want neither Lula da Silva nor Bolsonaro." [Read more](#)

IN BOOST FOR BOLSONARO, MOST BRAZILIANS SAY PANDEMIC IS UNDER CONTROL, POLL SHOWS

For the first time, a clear majority of Brazilians think the country's coronavirus pandemic is no longer "out of control," a Datafolha poll published on Thursday showed, in what could be a boost for President Jair Bolsonaro, who is almost certain to seek re-election next year. Bolsonaro has seen his polls numbers sag due to his handling of the world's second deadliest outbreak, in which over half a million Brazilians have died from the virus, second only to the United States. [Read more.](#)

WITH INFLATION SURGE, BRAZILIAN STATES SHOULD ENTER 2022 ELECTION YEAR WITH FULL COFFERS

With statutory limits on mandatory spending increases in place through the end of 2021, the trend is for states to take advantage of the fuller coffers next year to curry favor with constituents in an election year. [Read more.](#)

IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION, BRAZIL'S CHIEF JUSTICE WARNED BOLSONARO AGAINST ATTACKS ON STF

Last weekend, after Jair Bolsonaro unleashed the dogs on Federal Supreme Court (STF) Justice Luis Roberto Barroso - including personal insults - the Chief Justice's STF colleagues talked about how to react. Luis Roberto Barroso was the Justice who ordered the Senate to create the Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry (Covid CPI) to investigate possible failures of the federal government in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic. [Read more.](#)

AFTER BOLSONARO'S COUP STATEMENTS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT FORESEES A CONCILIATION MEETING

Supreme Court president, Luiz Fux, met this Monday (12) with Jair Bolsonaro and said, after the encounter, that he had arranged a meeting with the President of the Republic among the heads of the Three Powers. The announcement comes after Bolsonaro amplified his coup rhetoric. He has been repeating that the 2022 elections may not happen if there is no reliable electoral system — according to him, the paper ballot. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH

PHARMA COMPANIES EARNED MORE THAN R\$ 1 BILLION WITH THE 'COVID KIT' IN THE PANDEMIC, ACCORDING TO REPORTS TO THE CPI

Despite the controversy surrounding the effectiveness of the "Covid kit" against the disease, the sale of the drugs that comprise it took a leap into the pandemic. The turnover of seven companies with these drugs alone was R\$ 482 million from January 2020 to May 2021. In 2019,

before Covid-19, sales were just over R\$ 180 million. In some companies, growth was seven times greater. The survey was carried out by Folha de S.Paulo based on confidential and open documents sent to Covid's CPI by the companies EMS, Farmaquímica, Momenta Farmacêutica, Abbott, Sandoz, Cristália and Supera Farma. Other pharmaceutical companies, such as Apsen, Vitamedic and Brainfarma, did not send closed data on their billing to the commission, so the total amount may have exceeded R\$ 1 billion. Among the drugs listed are chloroquine, ivermectin, nitazoxanide, azithromycin and vitamin D. The number of drugs sold that was reported by the companies multiplied by the average price also reported in the documents gives a value of over R\$897 million spent from January 2020 to May of 2021. [Read more.](#)

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE ANALYSIS OF THE INCORPORATION OF TECHNOLOGIES IN THE SUS

The Plenary of the Chamber of Deputies approved, this Thursday (15), the basic text of the Bill 1613/2021, which establishes criteria for the analysis of the incorporation of technologies in the SUS. The bill also allows the Unified Health System (SUS) to prescribe and apply medicines with an indication of use different from that approved by the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa), if recommended by the National Commission for the Incorporation of Technologies in the SUS (Conitec). However, the proposal can still be changed in the next voting in August. [Read more.](#)

IN THE DISPUTE OVER ORAL CHEMOTHERAPY BILL, HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS SAY THERE WILL BE HIGHER COSTS

The debate about the increase in the prices of health plans has entered the battle of the operators against the flexibility to cover the costs of oral chemotherapy drugs, highlighted the column "Panel SA" of Folha de S.Paulo this Sunday (11). According to FenaSaúde (National Supplementary Health Federation), the change would increase the sector's expenses this year and, consequently, the readjustment of individual and collective plans in 2022. For the bill, which has already been approved by the Chamber and now goes to sanction or veto presidential, it would be enough for the product to be registered with Anvisa to enter the list of mandatory coverage of operators. Today, an additional endorsement from the ANS (National Supplementary Health Agency) is needed. [Read more.](#)

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS MOVES THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR IN BRAZIL

The consolidation process in the healthcare sector has become faster this year. Between January and July 10th, publicly traded companies alone moved around R\$6.3 billion in mergers and acquisitions, especially in hospitals and health plan operators. Of this amount, R\$ 4.2 billion came from three groups that launched shares recently: Rede D'Or, Dasa and Mater Dei. Last year, listed companies closed deals worth around R\$ 8 billion. In 2019, the amount reached R\$ 10 billion, but half refers to the purchase of São Francisco Saúde by Hapvida. According to Deloitte consultancy, the sector registered, in the year to date, 104 purchase and sale transactions. Most are assets linked to the provision of services. [Read more.](#)

ONCOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PANDEMIC ARE DEBATED AT A PUBLIC HEARING

The Commission on Social Security and Family (CSSF) of the Chamber of Deputies held, this Thursday (15), a public hearing to discuss the situation and developments of oncology in the context of the pandemic. The debate was chaired by Deputy Tereza Nelma (PSDB-AL). [Read more.](#)

ON MEN'S DAY, ANS HIGHLIGHTS THE AGENCY'S ACTIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF MALE HEALTH

In Brazil, the National Men's Day, celebrated on July 15th since 1992, is strongly linked to encouraging the prevention of male health. Every year, companies, institutions, and government agencies have invested in campaigns to encourage self-care and health promotion among men. [Read more.](#)

COMMITTEE HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MEN'S HEALTH WITH A FOCUS ON ONCOLOGY

The special committee of the Chamber of Deputies that monitors the fight against cancer in Brazil held a public hearing this Thursday (15), at 2 pm, to discuss men's health with a focus on oncology. [Read more.](#)

NEW LAW ALLOWS BRAZIL'S VETERINARY VACCINE INDUSTRY TO PRODUCE COVID-19 VACCINE

President Jair Bolsonaro sanctioned this Thursday (15), with a partial veto, Law No. 14187, of July 15, 2021, which authorizes veterinary vaccine manufacturing establishments in Brazil to produce immunizers against Covid-19 as well as the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), provided they meet all the sanitary standards and biosafety requirements of establishments intended for the production of vaccines for human use. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL HAS FULLY IMMUNIZED 20% OF ADULTS AGAINST COVID-19

Brazil has fully immunized 20.27% of people over the age of 18 against Covid-19, i.e., adults who have been administered two doses of one of the vaccines approved for use in the country or a single Janssen dose. This represents 32,619,342 people immunized in the country. The first dose has been administered to 87,060,402 Brazilians, representing 54.10% of the population over 18 years old. [Read more.](#)

VACCINE SUPPORT REACHES 94% IN BRAZIL

Despite President Jair Bolsonaro's attacks on immunization against Covid-19, support for vaccines against the disease continues to grow in Brazil and reached a record level, 94% of the population, according to Datafolha research. Datafolha surveyed 2,074 people aged 16 and over in 146 cities across the country on July 7th and 8th. The margin of error is plus or minus two percentage points. Among those interviewed, 56% say they have already been vaccinated, and 38% that they intend to do so. Only 5% say they have not been and do not intend to be immunized and 1% say they do not know. [Read more.](#)

COVID-19 VACCINE REJECTION GROWS IN 2,097 BRAZILIAN CITIES

The 17th edition of the National Confederation of Municipalities (CNM) survey on the Covid-19 pandemic also detected people seeking to choose vaccines. According to the survey, 2,109 (74.6%) cities reported this type of position. Another 687 (24.3%) did not report this position among their citizens. Cases of people refusing to be administered certain immunizers were also reported. The most widely refused vaccines were the CoronaVac, in 1,067 (50.6%), Oxford/AstraZeneca, in 829 (39.3%) and, to a lesser extent, Janssen, in 66 (3.1%). [Read more.](#)