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POLITICS

BOLSONARO MOCKS BRAZIL SENATE'S TELEVISED COVID CPI, CALLING IT "FIASCO" AND "JOKE"

President Jair Bolsonaro on Tuesday, June 1, said that the televised Covid CPI (Parliamentary Inquiry Committee on Brazil's management of Covid) is "a fiasco" and "a joke." The president's statements occurred on the day the committee heard oncologist Nise Yamaguchi. The doctor is an advocate of the use of hydroxychloroquine – a drug with no proven efficacy in the treatment of Covid – and is close to the government. [Read more.](#)

A DAY AFTER PROMISING VACCINE ON TV, BOLSONARO INSISTS ON INEFFECTIVE MEDICINE AND ATTACKS THE SENATE COVID INVESTIGATION

A day after a statement in which he promised to vaccinate Brazilians who want to be immunized, President Jair Bolsonaro returned to exalting treatments without proven efficacy and attacking members of the CPI of Covid, in the Senate. In his weekly social media live on Thursday (3), alongside minister Milton Ribeiro (Education), Bolsonaro stated that the Parliamentary Inquiry Commission had "a unique chance to discuss this issue of immediate treatment, how is the world facing the Covid issue." [Read more.](#)

BOLSONARO: "IF I HAD AUTHORITY OVER THE COVID ISSUE, BRAZIL WOULD BE DIFFERENT"

resident Jair Bolsonaro this Tuesday, June 1, said that were he to have had the authority to decide on issues related to Covid-19, Brazil would be in "a different situation." The statement was made to supporters outside the Alvorada Palace. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO VINDICATES THE ECONOMY IN THE FACE OF PANDEMIC; POT-BANGING PROTESTS IN LARGE CITIES

"We regret the deaths, but despite everything, Brazil is doing well. Thanks to the federal government, because if it were up to many governors and mayors, everyone would be at home, all trade closed, millions of jobs destroyed," Bolsonaro said. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S LEFT RISES UP AGAINST BOLSONARO WITH PROTESTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY DESPITE COVID-19

Thousands of Brazilians faced this Saturday, May 29, the fear of Covid-19 and took to the streets to protest against the government of Jair Bolsonaro, in a cry "for life" that resounded in the first mass marches registered throughout the country since the beginning of the pandemic. Called by trade union centers, leftist political parties, and social movements, the protests took place peacefully in more than 200 cities throughout the country, with violent acts by the police recorded only in Recife, the capital of Pernambuco. [Read more.](#)

PATRIOTA PARTY MAY LAUNCH PAZUELLO FOR GOVERNOR OF RIO DE JANEIRO WITH BOLSONARO SUPPORT

With the potential affiliation of President Jair Bolsonaro to the Patriota party, it is considering appointing ex-Health Minister Eduardo Pazuello to run for governor of Rio de Janeiro in the

2022 election, on a slate supporting Bolsonaro. On Tuesday, June 1, the president was officially invited to join the coalition by Adilson Barroso, the party leader. During the meeting, the prospect of Pazuello's candidacy began to be discussed, with the aim of building a "100% Bolsonaroist" alliance in the state. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S GDP GROWS 1.2% IN THE FIRST QUARTER, SAYS IBGE

The Brazilian economy grew 1.2% in the first quarter of 2021 compared to the previous quarter, which represents a slowdown in the pace of recovery seen at the end of 2020, according to GDP (Gross Domestic Product) data released on Tuesday (1st) by the IBGE (Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics). "With the result of the first quarter, the GDP returned to the level of the fourth quarter of 2019, pre-pandemic period, but it is still 3.1% below the highest point of the economic activity of the country, reached in the first quarter of 2014", says the IBGE. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL PLANS TO ATTRACT US\$192 BILLION IN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS UNTIL 2022

Brazil expects to attract one trillion reais (about US\$192 billion) in private investments with the infrastructure concessions planned until the end of 2022, Brazilian Infrastructure Minister Tarcisio Gomes de Freitas said Wednesday. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL HAS A RECORD OF LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED WORKERS

The so-called long-term unemployment hit a record amid the economic crisis sparked by the pandemic. The nearly 3.5 million people looking for vacancies for two years or more represent the highest point in the historical series of the IBGE (Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics), which began in 2012. The previous record had been set in the second quarter of 2019 when 3.347 million workers had been unemployed for at least two years. At the current level, almost a quarter (23.6%) of the 14.805 million unemployed have been in this situation for more than two years. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS DIFFERENT MEASURES TO AVOID POWER SHORTAGE

The federal government is relying on measures such as the use of thermoelectric plants, reducing consumption at peak hours, changing the use of waterways, and sustaining the level of hydroelectric plants. The rainfall index in the country is the lowest in 91 years, according to the National Interconnected System (SIN), responsible for power production and transmission in Brazil; some drastic measures may be needed before rains return in November. [Read more.](#)

WEEKLY REVIEW: IBOVESPA HITS NEW HIGH; DOLLAR HITS ONE-YEAR LOW; COVID ADVANCES; PAZUELLO UNPUNISHED; BRAZIL ON ECONOMIST COVER

The Ibovespa registered its 7th consecutive high, while the dollar plunged. Covid-19 cases rise; Army decides not to punish Pazuello; The Economist cover features Brazil, criticizing Bolsonaro; startups and JBS post good news. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S STARTUP LEGAL FRAMEWORK SANCTIONED AND COMES INTO FORCE

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, on Tuesday, June 1, sanctioned a bill establishing the Legal Framework for Startups and Innovative Entrepreneurship. The measure aims to foster the creation of innovative companies in their business model, product, or service. The legislation was passed by the National Congress on May 11. [Read more.](#)

BRAZILIAN ARMY EXONERATES GENERAL CRITICIZED FOR APPEARANCE WITH BOLSONARO

Eduardo Pazuello, a Brazilian army general who rankled feathers among many officials and fellow military officials for appearing at a campaign rally with President Jair Bolsonaro, will not be disciplined, the army said in a Thursday statement. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH

UNDER PRESSURE, BRAZIL'S HEALTH REGULATOR CONDITIONALLY APPROVES SPUTNIK V AND COVAXIN VACCINE

The conditions imposed by ANVISA for the use of the Russian and Indian vaccines severely limit the amounts to be imported, almost creating a new clinical trial procedure. [Read more.](#)

FIOCRUZ SURPASSES BUTANTAN AS LARGEST COVID VACCINE SUPPLIER IN BRAZIL

With the 5.9 million AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine doses delivered last Friday, May 28, and another 600,000 delivered today, May 31, the Rio de Janeiro based foundation has surpassed the Butantan's mark. [Read more.](#)

PFIZER ASKS BRAZIL'S HEALTH REGULATOR TO AUTHORIZE VACCINE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Brazil's National Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) announced this Monday, May 31, that it is analyzing a request to authorize the Pfizer/BioNTech coronavirus vaccine for children aged 12 and older. [Read more.](#)

BUTANTAN "PROJECT S" SHOWS PANDEMIC CAN BE CONTROLLED IF 75% OF POPULATION IS VACCINATED

The coronavirus pandemic can be controlled if 75% of the population is vaccinated against Covid-19, according to a study carried out in a Brazilian city, where its inhabitants were massively immunized with the CoronaVac vaccine from the Chinese laboratory Sinovac, the Butantan Institute reported this Monday, May 31. According to the study, the first of its kind to be carried out in the world, deaths fell by 95% after mass vaccination, hospitalizations dropped by 86%, and symptomatic cases were reduced by 80%. [Read more.](#)

COVID-19: BRAZIL HAS VACCINATED 22% OF THE POPULATION WITH FIRST DOSE

Among the more than 46 million people vaccinated, 22.5 million received the second dose, which represents 10.42% of the population with complete immunization against the new coronavirus. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S MAY VACCINATION RATE 16.5% LOWER THAN IN APRIL

In May, the Ministry of Health received 6.2 million more Covid-19 vaccine doses compared to April. There were 25.9 million doses available in April compared to 32.2 million this month. However, the vaccination rate in May was 16.5% lower than in April. [Read more.](#)

SCIENTISTS ARE TESTING COVID-19 DRUG; BRAZIL WILL BEGIN TRIALS OF TWO SERUMS

The main goal of all the new drugs is to reduce hospitalizations and deaths caused by the disease, by being administered as soon as symptoms develop. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL VACCINATION COVERAGE RATE PLUMMETS AND OPENS A GAP FOR OUTBREAKS OF PREVENTABLE DISEASES

With the Covid-19 pandemic, vaccine coverage in Brazil, which had already been declining in recent years, plummeted further in 2020, increasing the risk of new outbreaks of preventable diseases. An unprecedented analysis by the Institute for Health Policy Studies, based on data from the Ministry of Health updated up to April 4, shows that less than half of Brazilian municipalities reached the target established by the PNI (National Immunization Plan) for nine vaccines, including those that protect against hepatitis, polio, tuberculosis and measles. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL "TEMPORARILY" BARS ENTRY OF FOREIGNERS BY LAND OR WATER OVER COVID-19 CONCERNS

The federal government, through an ordinance included in an extra edition of the Federal Gazette (DOU), on Monday, May 31, "temporarily" banned the entry into Brazil of foreigners "of any nationality." [Read more.](#)

DR. NISE YAMAGUCHI SHARED DETAILS ABOUT GOVERNMENT'S EARLY COVID-19 TREATMENT PLAN

Dr. Nise Yamaguchi contradicted versions given by authorities who gave statements before the committee investigating the government's management of Covid. On Tuesday (1), she denied that she is part of a parallel office and stated that she did not lead the initiative to change the package insert for hydroxychloroquine by presidential decree. Despite saying that she did not give parallel counseling, the doctor reported her participation in meetings with members of the government of President Jair Bolsonaro in which early treatment against Covid-19 was discussed. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL TO GET 3 MILLION J&J COVID-19 SHOTS EARLY

Brazil's Health Minister Marcelo Queiroga said on Friday that Johnson & Johnson subsidiary Janssen will deliver 3 million COVID-19 vaccine shots this month, ahead of schedule. [Read more.](#)



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