

WEEKLY REPORT



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POLITICS

LIBERAL PARTY IN BRAZIL CONFIRMS JAIR BOLSONARO'S MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOVEMBER 22

The Liberal Party (PL) has just confirmed in a statement that President Jair Bolsonaro's affiliation is approved for the 22nd of this month. The event will take place in Brasília, in a location still to be defined. Earlier in the day, Bolsonaro met with the president of PL, Valdemar Costa Neto, at the Presidential Palace to discuss the last details of his affiliation. Before the meeting, in an interview with a radio station in Espírito Santo, the Chief Executive had already advised that he was "99.9%" closed with the party. [Read more.](#)

SERGIO MORO JOINS PODEMOS PARTY, PAVES THE WAY TO BE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN BRAZIL

Former minister Sergio Moro, who was in charge of Operation Lava-Jato as a judge, joined Podemos on Wednesday (10). The event, which took place at the Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center in Brasília, paves the way for his pre-candidacy for president. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL PSDB PARTY PRESIDENT ACTS AS A "TIGHTROPE WALKER" IN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN EDUARDO LEITE AND JOÃO DORIA

The president of PSDB admits that, at the end of the previas, "it will take time to heal wounds and demonstrate maturity to seek ways to strengthen the unity of the party." [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL DEPUTIES APPROVE LAW ALLOWING BOLSONARO TO RAISE SPENDING IN ELECTION YEAR 2022

In a second and final vote, Brazil's Chamber of Deputies approved an amendment to the Constitution that allows the Government of President Jair Bolsonaro to increase public spending to finance a subsidy program for the poorest in 2022 when he seeks reelection. The amendment, which will now have to be debated by the Senate also in two votes, authorizes the Government to delay the payment of compensation ordered by the courts and to use the resources that remain available to finance the Auxílio Brasil program, which provides for the distribution of subsidies to about 17 million low-income families. [Read more.](#)

BOLSONARO TRAVELS TO UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, BAHRAIN, AND QATAR IN SEARCH OF INVESTMENTS

Bolsonaro will arrive this Saturday in Dubai, but his official agenda will only begin the following day when he will visit the pavilion of the Brazilian aeronautical company Embraer at an aviation fair being held in that city. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL WANTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MERCOSUR PRESIDENCY TO ADVANCE WITH ITS MODERNIZATION

Brazil wants to take advantage of the pro tempore presidency of Mercosur to move forward with the modernization of the bloc, including digitalization, said on Monday the Minister of Economy, Paulo Guedes, at the Mercosur Regional Digital Market seminar, sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and ECLAC. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S SUPREME COURT SUSPENDS SLUSH FUND FOR CONGRESSPERSONS

The Federal Supreme Court ruled in a majority to maintain Justice Rosa Weber's decision to veto payments that government officials use with the support of the Bolsonaro administration to attract deputies and senators in key votes. The government thus loses its main currency of exchange, which will make it more difficult to advance its agenda on the eve of the electoral campaign and could open a new crisis between the branches of the government. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S HOUSE LEADER ATTEMPTS TO RECOUP BUDGET FUNDS

A proposal for a resolution led by house leader, Arthur Lira, which circulates among deputies will provide for greater transparency in the distribution of budget funds after the Federal Supreme Court ordered the suspension of payment for the rapporteur's amendments. But it still maintains control over billion-real transfers. The objective is for the measure to be approved in the coming weeks in a session of the National Congress and to serve in the negotiation for the Supreme Court to release the funds. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL INFLATION RISES 1.25% IN OCTOBER, REACHING 10.67% IN 12 MONTHS - IBGE

The National Wide Consumer Price Index (IPCA), considered the country's official inflation rate, rose 1.25% in October, after a high of 1.16% in the previous month, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) reported Wednesday. According to the IBGE, the result was the highest variation for October since 2002. In the 12 months ending in October, the IPCA had a high of 10.67% against a high of 10.25% a month earlier. [Read more.](#)

ECONOMY MINISTER: MARKET UNDERESTIMATES BRAZIL GROWTH POTENTIAL IN 2022

Economy Minister Paulo Guedes believes that market experts are underestimating Brazil's growth potential in 2022, as he forecasts that GDP will grow by more than the 1% projected by economists, after growing approximately 5.5% this year. [Read more.](#)

BOLSONARO EXTENDS BRAZIL PAYROLL TAX BREAKS FOR TWO YEARS

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro plans to extend payroll tax exemptions for 17 sectors of the economy for another two years, sacrificing government revenue to avoid exacerbating double-digit unemployment. Bolsonaro announced the extension on Thursday after meeting representatives of the private sector that would benefit. The payroll exemption covers many of the most work-intensive sectors, such as civil construction, textile and footwear producers, transportation, and communications firms. [Read more.](#)

GRAIN PRODUCTIVITY TO REACH ALL-TIME HIGH

Given the indications of favorable weather, the National Supply Company (Conab) has raised its estimate for the Brazilian production of grains and fibers in this 2021/22 season. The state company is now forecasting a record volume of 289.79 million tonnes, 14.7% more than in 2020/21, when mainly corn crops were harmed by the lack of rain. Compared to last month's estimate, the new forecast is 0.4% higher. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL OKS TRANSGENIC WHEAT FLOUR DESPITE WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION

The members of the National Technical Commission on Biosafety (CTNBio) have unanimously decided to allow the commercialization, in Brazil, of flour made with genetically modified wheat produced in Argentina. In a regular meeting held Wednesday, the collegiate declared, without giving further details, that the flour commerce is cleared — that of wheat itself is still under evaluation. [Read more.](#)

DEFORESTATION IN BRAZIL'S AMAZON RISES IN OCT, DESPITE COP26 VOWS

Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon rainforest rose in October from a year ago, satellite data showed on Friday, undercutting vows by the government of President Jair Bolsonaro that it is

curbing destruction of a crucial bulwark against climate change. The preliminary data from national space research agency INPE showed about 877 square kilometers (339 square miles) of forest were cleared last month, a 5% increase from October 2020. It was the worst October deforestation since the current monitoring system began in 2015. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL FACES DEFICIT OF CYBERSECURITY PROFESSIONALS AS ATTACKS RISE

In a 15-day period in October, cybercrime claimed three major victims – tour operator CVC, insurance firm Porto Seguro and call center company Atento – signaling that the pace of cyberattacks has been increasing in the country, as well as the demand for information security professionals. This year, Brazil faces a gap of 441,000 professionals in the segment, the highest among 14 countries analyzed by (ISC)², a non-profit organization specializing in training and certifications for cybersecurity professionals. The United States is in second place in the list, with an unmet demand of 377,000 professionals. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH

CONGRESSMAN REQUESTS PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT COMPULSORY LICENSING OF PATENTS AGAINST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Congressman Alexandre Padilha (PT-SP) sponsored, at the Social Security and Family Committee (CSSF), the Application 394/2021 for a public hearing to debate the importance of compulsory licensing of patents in combating the Covid pandemic. The author suggested the presence of the following guests to the public hearing: Pedro Villardi, Coordinator of the Working Group on Intellectual Property (GTPI) of the Brazilian Network for the Integration of Peoples (Rebrip); Felipe de Carvalho; Coordinator of the Doctors Without Borders (MSF) Access Campaign in Brazil; Eli Iola Gurgel de Andrade, Professor at the Faculty of Medicine at UFMG; and Paola Falceta, founder of the Covid-19 Association of Victims and Families of Victims. [Read more.](#)

LAWSUITS AIM TO EXTEND THE TERM OF PATENT PROTECTION

After the decision considering unconstitutional the sole paragraph of art. 40 of the Industrial Property Law (Law 9,279/96), lawsuits have already been filed alleging that in certain situations the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) or ANVISA did not act within a reasonable time in the administrative process for the granting of these patents. These actions are specifically aimed at obtaining an extension of the term of validity based on the specific case and the alleged negligence of the INPI. The thesis defended in such actions is that the STF would have understood that the legal provision in question is unconstitutional only because it allows automatic extension patents in Brazil, without analyzing each case, extending the term for longer than necessary. Based on this logic, it is argued that, depending on the specific case, it would still be possible to judicially request an extension of the term in case the delay in granting the registration is attributable to the INPI. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL WORLD CHAMPION IN DELAY TO GRANT PATENTS, SURVEY SHOWS

Applications for patent registrations in Brazil fell 4.1% to 24,338 last year, while there was a global increase of 1.6% (3.3 million), according to the World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) published on Monday. For the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the document "is an important tool to understand the context and see where innovation is taking place around the world". Brazil also appears as the country with the longest wait in granting patents in the world, despite the record growth in grants last year. In 2020, the country granted 86.4% more patents than the previous year, the fastest growing among the world's largest economies, followed by China (+17.1%) and India (+11.8%). [Read more.](#)

SUS HAS DROPPED MORE THAN 900 MILLION PROCEDURES DURING THE PANDEMIC

The new coronavirus pandemic impacted the procedures performed by the SUS (Unified Health System). There was a reduction of more than 900 million assistances and actions in the period.

The data are from a survey by Fiocruz (Oswaldo Cruz Foundation) to which Folha de S. Paulo had access with exclusivity. For comparison, pre-pandemic data were used, from January 2018 to June 2019, and during the pandemic, from January 2020 to June 2021. There were 4.058 billion procedures in the pre-pandemic period against 3.114 billion during the pandemic. The total reduction is 23.25%. [Read more.](#)

SPECIAL SESSION FOR BLUE NOVEMBER EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER

The Plenary of the Federal Senate held, this Monday (8), a special session to commemorate the beginning of the November Blue campaign, prostate cancer awareness month. The event was requested by senator Nelsinho Trad and coordinated by senator Izalci Lucas. [Read more.](#)

COMMITTEE WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT PROSTATE CANCER

The special committee to monitor actions to combat cancer in Brazil holds a public hearing next Wednesday (17) on the Blue November campaign, held for ten years in Brazil to raise awareness among men about the importance of prevention and early diagnosis of prostate cancer. It is the most common type of cancer among men, after skin cancer. [Read more.](#)

CONGRESSMAN SPONSORS BILL TO DIFFERENTIATE CRITERIA FOR PRICING OF GENE, CELL AND STEM CELL THERAPIES

Deputy Valtenir Pereira (MDB-MT) sponsored the Bill 3499/2021, to define the use of differentiated criteria for the definition of the prices of gene, cell and stem cell therapies, in order to contemplate the specificities and particularities of each type of technology and its research and development process. [Read more.](#)

CONGRESSMAN SPONSORS BILL TO ESTABLISH PRICE LISTS FOR CHEMOTHERAPY DRUGS

Deputy Alexandre Frota (PSDB-SP) sponsored the Bill 3972/2021, which intends to establish the maximum price of chemotherapy drugs in private establishments of oncology. According to the proposal, establishments must comply with the limit applied by the Drug Market Regulation Chamber (CMED). [Read more.](#)

GOVERNMENT PREPARES TO VACCINATE CHILDREN AND NEGOTIATES 40 MILLION DOSES OF PFIZER

The Ministry of Health decided to anticipate and is negotiating with Pfizer to acquire 40 million doses to immunize children from 5 to 12 years old, informed the State of S. Paulo. Conversations with the pharmacist, at an advanced stage, take place even before the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa) authorizes the use of the product in this age group. The delivery of immunizing agents, however, is subject to approval by the agency. In the coming weeks, the government should close a contract with the laboratory for the delivery of 100 million new immunization agents, which would start in January. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S TOP COURT RULES THAT COMPANIES CAN REQUIRE EMPLOYEE VACCINATION

Brazil's Supreme Court on Friday suspended a government order that prevented companies from requiring employees to provide proof that they have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and stopped dismissals of those not immunized. Brazil's far-right President Jair Bolsonaro, a vaccine skeptic, has criticized vaccine passports required in other countries. Brazil has suffered the second-deadliest coronavirus pandemic outside of the United States. [Read more.](#)

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AUTHORIZES PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE STUDY OF THE 'COVID KIT'

The Ministry of Health authorized, this Friday (12), the public consultation of the study on the treatment of Covid-19, analyzed by the National Commission for the Incorporation of

Technologies to the Unified Health System (Conitec). According to G1, the document was signed by the secretary of Science, Technology, Innovation and Strategic Inputs of the Ministry of Health, Hélio Angotti Neto. [Read more.](#)

SURVEY: 80% ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN BRAZIL

For 81% of Brazilians, the Covid-19 pandemic crisis has increased concern over access to medical treatment and, consequently, over access to health care. Among people with lower purchasing power, with incomes of up to 5 minimum wages, the concern has greatly increased. [Read more.](#)

75% OF BRAZILIANS FEEL SAFER WITH VACCINATION ADVANCE

At least 40% want to meet more relatives and friends again and frequent closed places, such as movie theaters, restaurants, churches, and shopping malls. Traveling comes in second, with 32%. [Read more.](#)

COVID-19: 66.5% OF THE POPULATION AGED OVER 12 IS IMMUNIZED IN BRAZIL

Data on the National Immunization Campaign show that 66.5% of the population aged 12 years or older in Brazil is now fully immunized against Covid-19 - they have already been administered two doses or the single-dose vaccine - by Tuesday, November 9. [Read more.](#)

NINE STATES IN BRAZIL AND THE FEDERAL DISTRICT RECORD NO COVID-19 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS

Brazil can currently be pleased about low infection rates and few Covid deaths. However, if other countries are taken as a comparison, it must be assumed that the joy could be short-lived. Brazil could soon be suffering the same fate as Chile, Israel, Iceland, the UK, Portugal, and others before them. [Read more.](#)

SÃO PAULO CITY HALL MAINTAINS THE MANDATORY USE OF MASKS IN PUBLIC PLACES

The São Paulo city hall decided, on Wednesday, 10, to keep the mandatory use of masks in public places in the city. According to the city administration, a new evaluation for release should occur in early December, following the state government's planning. The expectation of the city hall is that the release occurs from December on, provided that the city has 95% of the population over 12 years old vaccinated with the two doses. In the latest balance released on Tuesday, 9th, the city has 100% of the adult population with at least the first dose of vaccine, and more than 72% of people with the complete vaccination scheme. [Read more.](#)