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POLITICS

BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO CONFIRMS JOINING PL PARTY ON NOVEMBER 30: "IT'S ALL SETTLED"

On Wednesday, November 24, Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro confirmed that he will join the Liberal Party (PL) next Tuesday, November 30, as announced by the party last Tuesday, November 23. "It's all settled," the President said as he walked from the Planalto Palace to the Chamber of Deputies to attend the 2021 Legislative Merit Medal ceremony. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO ON MORO: "I WANT TO SEE HIM ON A SOUND TRUCK TALKING TO THE PEOPLE"

Despite even allies of Jair Bolsonaro constantly alerting him to the risk of Sérgio Moro (Podemos) taking him out of the second round in 2022, the President on Monday, November 22, showed a lack of interest in his opponent's agenda. "I haven't been watching the guy," he said. During a talk with supporters at the Alvorada Palace, the President also criticized Moro's profile, questioning the ex-judge's ability to dialogue with the people. [Read more.](#)

GOVERNOR DORIA WINS BID TO RUN FOR BRAZIL'S PRESIDENCY, POLLS SHOW HIM FAR BEHIND

Brazil's Joao Doria on Saturday won the primaries of his Brazilian Social Democracy Party (PSDB) to be their presidential candidate ahead of elections next year. A businessman and former presenter of the Brazilian edition of "The Apprentice", Doria, 63, is currently governor of Sao Paulo. He has presented himself as a third-way candidate, between the extremes of far-right President Jair Bolsonaro and leftist former-leader Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. [Read more.](#)

LULA'S SPEECHES FRIGHTEN THOSE WHO WANT HIM MODERATED IN 2022

Allies of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, who are betting on a moderate version of the PT for the 2022 presidential elections, have become worried about the former president's most recent comments. The newest point of contention is the Nicaraguan dictatorship of Daniel Ortega, who has just won a fourth term as president, with several rivals imprisoned in the process. In an interview with the Spanish newspaper El País, Lula compared Ortega's time in power (13 so far) to the terms of Angela Merkel as German chancellor, a position equivalent to that of the country's prime minister. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL VOTING MACHINES ARE TESTED FOR SAFETY AHEAD OF 2022 ELECTIONS

Brazil's Superior Electoral Court (TSE) started the public safety test on the voting machines to be used in the 2022 elections. By Friday (Nov. 26), inspectors from several institutions are expected to have executed 29 attack plans on the equipment. The testing is protocol and has been conducted since 2009. [Read more.](#)

MY RE-ELECTION DOESN'T DEPEND ON BOLSONARO, SAYS HOUSE LEADER

House leader, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), stated in an interview to Folha that the performance of President Jair Bolsonaro at the polls in 2022 does not affect his political project. "President Bolsonaro's life is one. My life is another," said Lira, in defense of maintaining his alliance with

the Planalto. According to the deputy, the affiliation of Bolsonaro to the PL, of Valdemar Costa Neto, is defined and there is a possibility that the candidate for vice-president is a name of the PP. [Read more.](#)

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO CREATE AUXILIO BRASIL PROGRAM AND ALREADY PLANS TO EXPAND IT

Without voting against and with 344 in favor, the Chamber of Deputies yesterday approved the creation of Auxílio Brasil, a social program with which President Jair Bolsonaro wants to replace Bolsa Família, a brand of PT administration, on the eve of next year's electoral campaign. The proposal of the rapporteur Marcelo Aro (PP-MG), which also received support from the opposition, foresees the possibility of expanding the number of families served from the current 14.7 million benefited by Bolsa Família to up to 20 million, 3 million more than provided for by the Executive. The creation of the aid took place by provisional measure and needs the approval of Congress by December 7th – after the House, the measure will proceed to the Senate. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S CONGRESS DEFERS SESSION TO VOTE ON CHANGES TO SECRET BUDGET

The presidency of the National Congress deferred the session scheduled for this Friday (26) to vote on the draft resolution that will set new rules on the allocation of parliamentary riders to the federal budget. The extraordinary meeting was rescheduled on Thursday night for next Monday, November 29. According to Congress president Rodrigo Pacheco, the aim of the bill is to provide transparency to the system of presentation, approval, and execution of amendments from the general rapporteur, in the so-called secret budget. [Read more.](#)

SENATORS DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT PROSECUTOR GENERAL HAS DONE WITH COVID CPI REPORT

Twenty-six days after delivering the final report of the Covid Parliamentary Inquiry Committee (CPI) to Federal Prosecutor General Augusto Aras, senators now want to know what he has done regarding the accusations contained in the document. The Senate Committee on Human Rights (CDH) on Tuesday, November 23, approved a request to invite Aras to explain the steps taken so far. In a note, Aras reported that he will comment on the matter on November 27, one month after he received the report. [Read more.](#)

PROSECUTOR GENERAL SENDS STF 10 MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED FROM REPORT

As the deadline approaches for presenting his opinion on the indictments approved by the Covid Parliamentary Inquiry Committee (CPI), Federal Prosecutor General Augusto Aras forwarded a document to the STF with 10 measures that should be adopted based on the final report. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S SUPREME COURT RECONFIRMS 2005 LAW REQUIRING GOVERNMENT TO PAY BASIC INCOME TO THOSE IN POVERTY

Most of the Federal Supreme Court (STF) Justices on Monday (22) confirmed the Court's earlier decision ordering the government to set a value and start paying the basic national income to those in poverty, starting in 2022. The decision, upheld in a virtual plenary session by 5 members of the STF who decided to follow rapporteur, Justice Gilmar Mendes, may have an impact on public coffers, but it will allow the payment in an election year. [Read more.](#)

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE IN BRAZIL FALLS, REACHES LOWEST LEVEL SINCE APRIL

The Consumer Confidence Index (ICC), measured by the Getúlio Vargas Foundation (FGV), dropped 1.4 points from October to November this year. With the result, the indicator reached 74.9 points, on a scale of zero to 200 points, the lowest value since April this year (72.5 points). Confidence was affected by the worsening of the Present Situation Index, which evaluates the present, as well as the Expectations Index, which assesses the future. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S NOVEMBER INFLATION FORECAST HIGHEST SINCE 2002, AT 10.73% IN 12 MONTHS

It is the highest variation for the month since 2002, reported the IBGE (Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics) on Thursday, November 25. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL WANTS MORE INVESTMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN INVESTORS

The intention is to strengthen legal security for foreign investors in Brazil, mainly with an eye on attracting new resources for the concessions and privatization program. However, the Brazilian ACFI model differs significantly from the standard international IPPA. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 4TH HIGHEST AMONG WORLD'S 44 WEALTHIEST COUNTRIES

The unemployment rate in Brazil is the 4th highest in the list of the 44 wealthiest economies in the world, according to a survey conducted by Austin Rating risk rating agency. The survey reveals that unemployment in Brazil is more than twice the global average. The rate of jobless Brazilians is also the highest in the group of the world's 20 largest economies. [Read more.](#)

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN BRAZIL DOWN 44% IN OCTOBER – CENTRAL BANK

Foreign direct investments in Brazil totaled US\$2.5 billion (R\$14 billion) in October, a drop of 44% compared to September. The data were released by the Central Bank (BC) on Thursday, November 25. [Read more.](#)

GUEDES DENIES CONFLICT BETWEEN PUBLIC WORK AND OFFSHORE FIRM

Brazil's Economy Minister Paulo Guedes said there is no conflict of interest between his position and his participation in Dreadnoughts Internacional, an offshore company in the British Virgin Islands. He spoke at a joint public hearing of the lower house committees for Work, Administration and Public Service, and Financial Monitoring and Control, regarding his financial transactions overseas. The session was held Tuesday (Nov. 23). [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S VP SAYS HE IS TO BLAME FOR POOR COORDINATION IN FIGHTING DEFORESTATION

Brazil's Vice-president and coordinator of CNAL (National Council for the Legal Amazon), Hamilton Mourão, has said he is to blame for Brazil's failure in fighting deforestation. Last week, data from Prodes (Project for Satellite Monitoring of Deforestation in the Legal Amazon), of INPE (National Institute for Space Research), revealed a new deforestation record for the month of October. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH

CADE'S SUPERINTENDENCE INITIATES PROCESS TO INVESTIGATE INTERNATIONAL CARTEL OF PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

In an order signed last week, the General Superintendence of the Administrative Council for Economic Defense (SG/CADE) instituted administrative proceedings against seven companies and 11 individuals for allegedly forming a cartel in the production and marketing chain of pharmaceutical products used in the composition of antispasmodic drugs. [Read more.](#)

FEDERAL COURT AND STATE OF PARANÁ DEFINE FLOW FOR COMPLIANCE WITH LAWSUITS ON MEDICINES

It was published by the Federal Regional Court of the 4th Region (TRF4), Joint Ordinance No. 15/2021, which provides for the flow to be adopted to comply with court decisions in drug lawsuits by the State of Paraná. Click here to access the Ordinance. The Joint Ordinance

represents the joint work of federal judges and representatives of the Attorney General and the Health Department of the State of Paraná. Substitute federal judge Bruno Henrique Silva Santos, from the 3rd Federal Court of Londrina (PR), who contributed to its preparation, points out that "the proposed flow aims to enable a standardized procedure for the Health Department of the State of Paraná to make purchases of medicines whose cost was imposed on the Union, within the established parameters". [Read more.](#)

NATIONAL CONGRESS MAY HOLD VETO DELIBERATION SESSION ON DECEMBER 7TH

The deliberative session of the National Congress for the analysis of vetoes is scheduled to take place on December 7, at a time to be defined. Among the vetoes awaiting analysis is veto 48/2021, to Bill 12/2021, which deals with the compulsory licensing of patents or patent applications in cases of declaration of national, international, or public interest emergency, or of recognition of state of public calamity nationwide. The provisions that required the patent owner to transfer know-how and provide supplies of medicines and vaccines were vetoed. [Read more.](#)

ANS PUBLISHES A RESOLUTION ON HOW THE LIST OF PROCEDURES MUST BE UPDATED

It was published in the Official Gazette of the Union this Friday (26), Resolution 474/2021, of the National Agency for Supplementary Health (ANS), which deals with the constitution and functioning of the Commission for Updating the List of Procedures and Events in Supplementary Health (COSAÚDE) and social participation in updating the List of Procedures and Events in Health, in compliance with Provisional Measure 1067/2021. [Read more.](#)

NEW HEALTH PLANS OFFER A FAMILY DOCTOR WHO ACCOMPANIES THE PATIENT

New operators have been trying to break away from the traditional models of health plans. Among the novelties offered is the expansion of the family doctor service, responsible for monitoring the patient, and the acquisition of their own clinics and hospitals, published in an article by Folha de S. Paulo. [Read more.](#)

SANCTIONED THE LAW ESTABLISHING THE STATUTE OF THE PERSON WITH CANCER

Law nº 14,238, of November 19, 2021, was published, with veto, establishing the Statute of the Person with Cancer. The initiative originated from Bill 1605/2019, presented by ex-deputy Eduardo Braide, and was published in the Official Gazette of the Union this Monday (22). The regulation guarantees comprehensive health care for people with cancer through the Unified Health System (SUS). This comprehensive care includes medical and psychological care, drugs, and specialized care, in addition to adequate pain management, multidisciplinary care and palliative care. [Read more.](#)

CONGRESSWOMAN SPONSORS BILL TO CREATE THE NATIONAL PATIENT NAVIGATION PROGRAM FOR PATIENTS WITH BREAST CANCER

Congresswoman Tereza Nelma (PSDB-AL) presented, this Thursday (25), the Bill 4171/2021, proposing the creation of the National Patient Navigation Program for people with malignant breast cancer. According to the project presented, it will be up to establish articulation with the Unified Health System, aiming at the proper guidance, treatment, follow-up and monitoring of patients diagnosed with malignant breast cancer. [Read more.](#)

CONGRESSMAN REQUESTS THAT BILL ABOUT CLINICAL TRIALS TO BE VOTED BY THE FLOOR

Congressman Peter Westphalen (PP-RS) officially requested to be analyzed by the Chamber of Deputies plenary the Bill 7082/2021, which provides for a new legal framework to guide clinical trials with humans in Brazil. [Read more.](#)

FEDERAL SENATE PASSES BILL TO INCLUDE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHIES IN THE NEONATAL SCREENING TEST

The Federal Senate Plenary approved, on Thursday (25), the Bill 3681/2021, which intends to determine that the National Neonatal Screening Program (PNTN) carry out the tracking of spinal muscular atrophy, muscular dystrophies, and other diseases neuromuscular. The proposal is authored by senators Mara Gabrilli (PSDB-SP) and Jorge Kajuru (Podemos -GO). Mara Gabrilli recalled that, recently, Law 14,154 of 2021 was enacted, which promoted an "important improvement" of the National Neonatal Screening Program (PNTN). The main change made, highlighted the senator, was the establishment of a minimum list of diseases to be tracked by the heel prick test. [Read more.](#)

PUBLIC HEARING MAY DEBATE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRUG BRINEURA FOR BATTEN'S DISEASE IN THE SUS

Senator Flávio Arns (Podemos-PR) submitted application 24/2021, proposing a public hearing to debate the treatment provided by the SUS to patients with Batten's Disease, and the availability of the drug Brineura. According to the senator, the drug was approved by Anvisa, and is the only medication available indicated for the disease. He reported that 15 Brazilian children need the drug, which can provide a significant reduction in hospitalizations, increase in general well-being, with a better quality of life, and less anxiety for their families, including the permanent concern about obtaining the drug by an injunction of Justice. [Read more.](#)

HEALTH COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT AN OFFICIAL MISSION TO THE ENGLISH HEALTH SYSTEM

The Social Security and Family Committee (CSSF) of the Chamber of Deputies approved, this Wednesday (24), the application 402/2021, which authorizes the collegiate to conduct an Official Mission to England for a technical visit to exchange experiences with the system English National Health Services (NHS). The initiative was taken by the chairman of the commission, deputy Dr. Luiz Antonio Teixeira Jr. (PP-RJ). [Read more.](#)

COVID-19: BRAZIL'S MINISTRY OF HEALTH RECOMMENDS JANSSEN BOOSTER DOSE

The Ministry of Health released a technical note on Thursday, November 25, advising that the 4 million Brazilians immunized with the (one-dose) Janssen vaccine should take a booster dose between 2 and 6 months after the administration. According to the note, the guidance was based on scientific studies that show a significant increase in immunity following the administration of another dose of the vaccine, particularly with a longer 6-month interval. [Read more.](#)

1ST EDITION OF GENOMES BRASIL WILL DEBATE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN PRECISION MEDICINE

The Ministry of Health and the British Government will come together from the 30th of this month, for the 1st edition of the "International Summit on Precision Medicine of the Brazil Genomes Program". The online seminar aims to present the latest scientific-technological advances and show society the importance of precision medicine. The event runs until December 3rd. The debate will have the participation of internationally renowned speakers to speak, among other topics, about cell and gene therapies. [Read more.](#)

ANVISA WANTS VACCINATION FOR ENTRY INTO BRAZIL

Anvisa (National Health Surveillance Agency) proposed that the federal government mandate a vaccination certificate against Covid for travelers to enter Brazil by land.

The measure would be valid to allow immigration by land. Today the borders are closed, with a few exceptions. But President Jair Bolsonaro (no party), who has distorted data on the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, just wants to open the borders, without charging for the "vaccine passport", according to government officials. Anvisa sent an opinion to Planalto Palace on the 12th, after being asked about Bolsonaro's idea, but received no response. [Read more.](#)

BRAZIL'S HEALTH REGULATOR WARNS THAT OMICRON VARIANT MAY BE IN THE COUNTRY

Faced with the new Omicron variant being identified in Europe, after emerging in Africa, it is possible that it is also already circulating in Brazil, according to Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) director-president Antonio Barra Torres on Friday, November 26. [Read more.](#)

"FOR ME, THERE WOULD BE NO CARNAVAL", SAYS BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO AFTER COVID ADVANCE IN EUROPE

President Jair Bolsonaro said on Thursday (25) that, if it were up to him, there would be no Carnaval next year. The statement was given in an interview to Radio Sociedade da Bahia, after a question about the new wave of Covid-19 in Europe and restrictions imposed by some countries to stop the advance of the disease. On the other hand, he affirmed that he is against the application of restrictive measures in Brazil due to the economy. [Read more.](#)

CARNAVAL 2022 IS CANCELED IN MANY SÃO PAULO STATE COUNTRYSIDE CITIES

At least 70 cities in the interior of the state of São Paulo have canceled Carnaval 2022, which is scheduled to take place between February 19 and March 6. Even with most of the population with the complete vaccination cycle against Covid-19, the cities want to avoid crowds and "not take risks" in order not to return to high contamination levels. [Read more.](#)

SÃO PAULO CITY HALL URGES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DEMAND VACCINATION PASSPORTS FROM FOREIGNERS

The São Paulo City Hall announced that it has sent a letter to the Ministry of Health and the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) requesting the enforcement of the vaccine passport requirement for foreigners entering Brazil. The letter, sent Tuesday, November 23, was signed by Municipal Health Secretary Edson Aparecido, and aims to maintain control of the pandemic in the city of São Paulo, in addition to containing the infection rate indexes of the disease. [Read more.](#)

SÃO PAULO CITY REACHES MARK OF 100% OF ADULT POPULATION IMMUNIZED

"A great victory for immunization in São Paulo," celebrated São Paulo city Health Secretary Edson Aparecido, when commenting on the fact that 100% of the adult population is fully immunized, a milestone reached on Wednesday, November 24. In fact, according to the Secretariat, the city registered 100.03% of people over 18 years of age immunized with either the 2 doses or the single dose vaccine. [Read more.](#)

LIFE EXPECTANCY IN BRAZIL UP TO 76.8 YEARS

The increase in the life expectancy at birth in Brazil in 2021 was 76.8 years—up two months and 26 days from the previous year (76.6 years). According to the government's statistics agency IBGE, however, the age was estimated as though the country had not been impacted by COVID-19. Therefore, the IBGE has not considered the mortality crisis caused by the disease that year. The effects of COVID-19 not considered, life expectancy for men was reported at 73.3 years in 2020. For women, it stood at 80.3 years. [Read more.](#)

MP TO RELEASE MEDICINES IN SUPERMARKETS IS BLOCKED AT THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

A provisional measure prepared to release the sale of low-risk drugs in supermarkets is under discussion in the federal government but is resisted by the authorities involved in the analysis. The proposal was articulated by the Ministry of Economy with the Secretariat of Government of the Presidency of the Republic, in the first half of this year, and has been stopped at the Ministry of Health since then. With clean text, the draft MP authorizes the sale of over-the-counter medications, called MIPs, in supermarkets and convenience stores, and provides for a deadline for regulation by the National Health Surveillance Agency (Anvisa). [Read more.](#)