

# WEEKLY REPORT



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## POLITICS

### **SOCIAL NETWORKS TAKE DOWN BOLSONARO POSTS FOR LYING ABOUT THE COVID VACCINE**

Facebook took down the live broadcast in which Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro makes a statement about a supposed link between COVID-19 vaccines and Aids. The transmission was broadcast live on Thursday (Oct. 21) and was available for reproduction, as is usually the case with this content. The same happened to the video on Instagram, a social networking site that also belongs to Facebook. [Read more.](#)

### **BOLSONARO: "THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN BRAZIL ARE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT"**

In an interview with TV Canção Nova's program "Além da Notícia," President Jair Bolsonaro said that "who is fighting for freedom of expression in Brazil is the federal government." The interview was recorded on Oct. 15 but was not broadcast until Thursday evening (Oct. 28, 2021). "Who fights for freedom of expression in Brazil is the federal government. Usually, it is the other powers that fight for it, but here in Brazil, it is the other way around, so that is why this government has a robust recognition from the people," the head of government said. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL'S ELECTORAL COURT DECIDES TO PUNISH MASS MESSAGING IN 2022 ELECTIONS**

The Superior Electoral Court (TSE) concluded that evidence shows that an illicit scheme of spreading false news by WhatsApp in the 2018 election benefitted the president. The court decided, however, not to revoke Bolsonaro's ticket. According to the TSE, it was not shown to be serious enough to remove the election winners. It is not possible to determine the effect that the scheme, revealed in October 2018 by Folha, had on the results in the polls. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO SAYS HE WILL DECIDE IN MARCH 2022 WHETHER TO SEEK REELECTION**

Still without a political party membership, the president needs to be affiliated at least six months before the election, scheduled for October, to be eligible to run for reelection. He has received feelers from several parties. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL SENATE HEAD SWITCHES PARTY, EYEING 2022 PRESIDENTIAL BID**

Brazilian Senate leader Rodrigo Pacheco joined the center-right Social Democratic Party (PSD) on Wednesday, emerging as the latest presidential hopeful eyeing a tough path down the center of next year's polarized electoral field. Party leader Gilberto Kassab, who has said the PSD is looking to field its own candidate in 2022, said Pacheco has "great potential" to draw support from Brazilians turned off by both leftist former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and far-right incumbent Jair Bolsonaro. [Read more.](#)

### **SENATE CPI REPORT ACCUSING BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY HEADS TO PROSECUTOR GENERAL**

The report accusing President Jair Bolsonaro of "crimes against humanity" and other offenses over his management of the Covid-19 pandemic was passed Tuesday by a parliamentary committee and will now be forwarded to the federal prosecutor general. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO CALLS ACCUSATIONS OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY 'CLOWNESQUE'**

"Because of these politically motivated accusations some people think that we have a dictatorship here, that I put journalists in jail, that I limit freedom of expression, that I killed people in the pandemic, and that affects people who want to invest in Brazil and then don't invest," Bolsonaro complained. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL'S CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVES FIRST PRIMARY SURPLUS IN 9 YEARS IN SEPTEMBER**

The September data corroborate the trend of consistent improvement in public accounts throughout 2021, the result of strong revenue collection and a greater focus on expenses related to confronting the pandemic, said the Treasury. [Read more.](#)

### **ANALYSIS: ECONOMISTS EXPECTED TOUGHER MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL BANK**

After a day of a good deal of negative news about the fiscal situation, economists heard by Valor seemed frustrated with how the Central Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (Copom) handled the matter in the statement about its decision. The 150-basis points hike, accompanied by a signal that more hikes will come, was considered the appropriate response by most specialists. What bothers them is the fact that the Central Bank missed the opportunity to position itself more clearly on the deterioration of the fiscal situation and the consequent impact on monetary policy. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL AUDIT COURT JUDGE RECOMMENDS LIFTING SPENDING CAP FOR POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY**

Brazil's government should be allowed to set aside a constitutional spending ceiling temporarily so it can spend its way out of the economic crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, a judge on the federal audit court (TCU) told Reuters. Augusto Nardes, whose review of spending under former President Dilma Rousseff found she broke a fiscal responsibility law, leading to her impeachment in 2016, said the current crisis is so bad that Congress should change a government spending cap. [Read more.](#)

### **COP26: BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO WILL NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE BECAUSE "EVERYONE WOULD THROW STONES AT HIM"**

Vice President Mourão attributed the criticism of Bolsonaro's policies to the fact that "most of the people who have an environmental conscience are from the left" and the Brazilian government "is from the right". [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL SHOULD BE "REWARDED" FOR PRESERVING THE AMAZON – VICE-PRESIDENT MOURÃO**

Brazil should be economically rewarded for preserving the standing Amazon, according to vice-president Mourão, in reference to the COP-26 Climate Summit which starts on October 31 in Glasgow, Scotland. [Read more.](#)

### **U.S. BUSINESS GROUP ASKED BRAZIL TO RATIFY GOAL OF BECOMING CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2050**

Trade between the U.S. and Brazil has reached an all-time high. Between January and September, US\$49.6 billion was exchanged, the highest volume recorded in this period since 1997. However, trade between Brazil and China totaled US\$100 billion in the first nine months of this year. [Read more.](#)

### **BOLSONARO TO ATTEND G20 SUMMIT MEETING IN ITALY**

President Jair Bolsonaro is expected to arrive Friday (Oct. 29) in Rome, Italy, where on the weekend he will take part in the Summit of Leaders of G20, the group formed by the world's top 20 economies. The only engagement slated for the day on Bolsonaro's schedule is a hearing with Italian President Sergio Mattarella at the Quirinal Palace. On Saturday (30) and Sunday (31), the Brazilian president is to take part in G20 activities, where bilateral meetings with foreign authorities should take place, in addition to internal gatherings. [Read more.](#)

### **UN: BRAZIL WAS G20 COUNTRY THAT MOST REGRESSED IN EMISSIONS TARGETS**

Brazil was the country that most slipped in its ambitions to reduce carbon dioxide emissions (CO2) among the G-20 nations, points out a United Nations (UN) report released on Tuesday, October 26. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL WILL HAVE GREEN ECONOMY BEFORE OTHER COUNTRIES – ENVIRONMENT MINISTER**

Environment Minister Joaquim Leite yesterday, October 27, said in an interview that he will seek international consensus on climate issues with all the major economic blocs. According to the Minister, the solution for climate issues that ravage the world is the complete transition to what he called the green economy – which should be negotiated between all countries and which will have Brazil as an exponent until 2050, the year in which the country should achieve zero emissions of greenhouse gases, according to the Ministry's planning. [Read more.](#)

### **BRAZIL CHANCELLOR WORKING TO SETTLE PENDING ISSUES IN MERCOSUR-EU DEAL**

Brazil's Foreign Ministry is working to settle the pending issues hindering the formalization of the free trade deal between Mercosur and the European Union (EU), Foreign Minister Carlos França declared today (Oct. 26). Expanding commercial agreements is among the government's priorities, he declared. [Read more.](#)

### **DEMAND FOR TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS GROWS 671% DURING PANDEMIC IN BRAZIL**

The demand for technology professionals grew more than 670% in 2020 alone. One of the most sought-after talent is developer, key to advancing the ongoing technological revolution. [Read more.](#)

## **HEALTH**

### **SENATORS PASS BILL TO CREATE A SYSTEM TO CONTROL THE DISTRIBUTION AND STOCK OF MEDICINES**

The Unified Health System (SUS) must provide the population with broad access to information on the stocks of medicines, nutritional formulas, and other health products available in pharmacies and warehouses under its responsibility. This is what establishes the bill approved in the Senate, this Thursday (28), by 71 votes in favor and no vote against, and which is now being considered by the Chamber of Deputies. [Read more.](#)

### **ANS RULES OUT INCLUDING RETROACTIVE SUS INCORPORATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL MEASURE**

The National Agency for Supplementary Health (ANS) defends that the determination to include technologies approved for supply in the SUS in the mandatory coverage of health plans, provided for in a provisional measure, does not have retroactive effect. MP 1067/21, published on September 3 to modify the process of updating the ANS list, was announced in July by the Minister of Health, Marcelo Queiroga, after President Jair Bolsonaro's (non-party) veto of the bill which provided for automatic coverage of oral antineoplastics in supplementary health. There was a consensus between the ministry, agency, and the Presidency of the Republic that

PL 6330/19 would have a negative effect. The MP, in turn, faces strong resistance from the ANS. According to the analysis of the proposal made by Palácio do Planalto, obtained by JOTA through the Access to Information Law, the Ministry states that the provisional measure "presents a concrete and effective solution to deal with the problem of limited access" and "generates equality of access to private health with public health services". [Read more.](#)

## **PANDEMIC AND THE RISE OF THE DOLLAR PUSH ABOUT 50,000 TO THE SUS CARDIAC SURGERY QUEUE**

The Covid-19 pandemic and the rise in the dollar held back heart surgeries in the SUS. The problem of scarcity of resources for elective procedures is chronic, but it has now worsened. As reported by Folha de S. Paulo, medical entities and hospital managers report that they are suspending operations because they cannot buy supplies such as valves, cannulas, and oxygenators. The SBCCV (Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery) estimates that about 50,000 people are waiting in line for operations of this type, and the number of calls drops each year. With the soaring of the American currency, supplies became more expensive, reaching values far above what the federal government transfers to hospitals. [Read more.](#)

## **COMMITTEE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEBATES ACCESS TO NEW DRUGS DURING PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT RARE DISEASE**

In a public hearing held in the Chamber of Deputies this Tuesday (26), the Committee for the Defense of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPD) discussed the treatment of hereditary amyloidosis (PAF-TTR) in Brazil. The meeting was requested by Deputy Rejane Dias (PT-PI). [Read more.](#)

## **PUBLIC HEARING DEBATES INVESTMENT IN TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT AND TREAT CANCER**

During a public hearing of the Federal Senate's Science and Technology Commission (CCT), this Tuesday (26), debaters defended more public investment and the elaboration of a state policy to accelerate the process of technological innovation in the health area. For them, it is necessary to think the subject strategically in order to speed up access to diagnosis and treatment against cancer, especially breast cancer. The theme was discussed during a public hearing in reference to the Pink October campaign, to raise awareness for the control of breast cancer, and was chaired by Senator Styvenson Valentim (Podemos-RN). The subject was also debated in two special meetings of the National Congress (on Monday, 25) and the Federal Senate (on Tuesday, 26) about the Pink October movement. [Read more.](#)

## **BILL TO ESTABLISH THE STATUTE OF THE PERSON WITH CANCER PASSES THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The Plenary of the Chamber of Deputies approved, on Thursday (28), Bill 1605/2019, which institutes the Statute of the Person with Cancer with the objective of promoting equal conditions of access to treatments. [Read more.](#)

## **CONGRESSMAN REQUESTS A PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLUE NOVEMBER IN BRAZIL**

Deputy Weliton Prado (PROS-MG) presented the application 33/2021, proposing the holding of a public hearing on November 17 with the objective of debating the theme "The 10 years of the Blue November in Brazil". [Read more.](#)

## **BRAZIL HEALTH OFFICIALS RECEIVE DEATH THREATS OVER CHILD VACCINATIONS**

Brazil's health regulator Anvisa said on Friday that all five of its directors have received death threats over possible approval by the agency of COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged between five and 11 years old. In a statement, Anvisa said it had reported the emailed threats to the police and prosecutors. It said the messages, which were sent on Thursday morning, threatened the lives of the directors if the agency approved vaccinations for that age group. Schools in the state of Parana were also threatened, the statement said. [Read more.](#)

**PFIZER SEEKS APPROVAL TO RELEASE VACCINE FOR CHILDREN 5 TO 11 YEARS IN BRAZIL**

The request will be sent to ANVISA next month. So far, there is no forecast for Brazil to start vaccinating children up to 11 years old against Covid-19. Health Minister, Marcelo Queiroga has transferred the responsibility to the health regulatory agency. [Read more.](#)

**FRIOCRUZ, ASTRAZENECA INK DEAL TO IMPORT API IN 2022**

Brazil's Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) and pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca signed an agreement for the purchase of the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API). The new batches of the API will make it possible for Fiocruz's Rio-based Immuno-biological Technology Institute (Bio-Manguinhos) to manufacture 60 million doses of the vaccine against COVID-19 in 2022. [Read more.](#)

**BRAZIL SHOULD HAVE AN OXFORD UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FACILITY BY 2022**

Brazil's Ministry of Health and the United Kingdom's Oxford University have signed a term of commitment for the installation of a facility of the institution in Brazil focused on health research, vaccine development and training of researchers in the area. [Read more.](#)

**AFTER 6 MONTHS, CORONAVAC'S PROTECTION FALLS 'SIGNIFICANTLY', SHOWS STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

Partial results of the Ministry of Health-commissioned third-dose study for people vaccinated with CoronaVac for Covid-19 indicate that, six months after application, there is a "significant drop" in total antibody and neutralizing antibody levels. As reported by the O Globo, the analysis of the data ends this month and should be published in a scientific journal in December and, therefore, the numbers cannot yet be released. [Read more.](#)

**BRAZIL AUTHORIZES USE OF CANNABIS-BASED MEDICINE IMPORTED FROM COLOMBIA**

Brazilian health authorities on Friday authorized the import from Colombia of a medicine based on cannabidiol, one of marijuana's active ingredients, prescribed for cases of epilepsy and which may be marketed exclusively in pharmacies and by prescription. [Read more.](#)

**STATE OF SÃO PAULO SURPASSES US, GERMANY, AND UK IN VACCINATION RATES**

The state of São Paulo has fully vaccinated 87% of its adult population against Covid. The goal of the vaccination campaign was to fully vaccinate 78.5 percent of adults and adolescents from 12 years of age, surpassing developed countries like Germany (75%), the USA (68%), and the United Kingdom. [Read more.](#)

**COVID-19: BRAZIL SÃO PAULO CITY HALL BEGINS PROCEEDINGS TO DISMISS UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEES**

São Paulo Mayor Ricardo Nunes on Thursday, October 28, requested the preparation of an order to dismiss commissioned employees who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19. Public servants will be the target of administrative proceedings. In August, the municipal management issued a decree compelling all municipal administration employees to be immunized against the novel coronavirus, under penalty of sanctions. [Read more.](#)

**DELTA RESPONSIBLE FOR 99.7% OF COVID-19 CASES IN SÃO PAULO**

The Delta variant of the novel coronavirus is reported to be responsible for 99.7 percent of COVID-19 cases in São Paulo city. The assessment was based on the virus's genetic sequencing conducted as part of a study by the city in partnership with the Butantan Institute, the Tropical Medicine Institute of the University of São Paulo (USP), and the Adolfo Lutz Institute. [Read more.](#)

**BRAZIL OPENS ITS DOORS TO EUROPEAN TOURISTS WITH VACCINE CERTIFICATE**

International travelers, including Spaniards, will be exempt from Covid-19 testing requirements when entering Brazil upon presentation of a valid full vaccination certificate. [Read more.](#)

### **SÃO PAULO'S HOSPITAL ISRAELITA ALBERT EINSTEIN IN BRAZIL NAMED IN FORBES' LIST OF 20 BEST WORLD HOSPITALS**

Brazil's Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein was highlighted by Forbes magazine as one of the world's 20 best hospitals and the only one in Latin America. [Read more.](#)



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