



Brazil hospitals buckle under coronavirus

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Brazil has announced a total of 254,220 confirmed cases, overtaking Britain to become the country with the third-highest number of coronavirus infections and doctors are now airlifting patients out of the furthest reaches of the Amazon.

1-1. Brazil's hospitals are _____

1-2. as the number of new coronavirus cases _____

2. It's now _____

3. And that distinction _____

4-1. He's continued to call for a rollback of quarantines _____

4-2. fearing the toll on the economy, _____

5. He's fired one Health Minister, and the second one quit, _____

6. Sao Paulo's Governor Joao Doria has again raised his voice, _____

"We have to beat this economic crisis but to beat this crisis we have to beat coronavirus. I repeat, the enemy of the economy is not quarantine, it is the pandemic."

7-1. Meanwhile on the streets, _____

7-2. exercising right outside makeshift hospitals _____

8-1. Rio _____

8-2. only quarantine recommendations _____

9. But some like local Margarida Serqueira _____

"Brazil is in a bad state and is behind in its coronavirus response. Lockdown should have been done a long time ago."

10-1. The health crisis is being felt not just in capital cities, but is also _____

10-2. in the furthest _____

11. Critical patients are now being airlifted out of remote areas _____

Doctor Edson Santos Rodrigues explains:

"Cases are going up inside the Amazon . We have brought in up to four to eight coronavirus patients per day."

12-1. While Bolsonaro's supporters _____

12-2. one recent survey pointed _____

12-3. saying they thought he was doing a 'bad or terrible job' _____

[Vocabulary]

breaking point: a situation in which there are so many problems or so many things to do that a person or organization can no longer deal with them; the degree of tension or stress at which something breaks

- *High unemployment was stretching the welfare system to breaking point.*

at breaking point:

- *Families round here are at breaking point. They have been on half wages since October.*

infection: a disease or other medical condition that is caused by bacteria or by a virus or a parasite

- The doctor used new medicine to prevent the infection from spreading.
- *Breast milk can help protect babies against infection.*

distinction: a distinguishing difference

- *There are obvious distinctions between the two wine-making areas.*

pile: to put a large amount of something somewhere

- *A group of boys were piling branches next to the tents.*

- *The books were still there, neatly piled in the room.*
- *a table piled high with food*

pile pressure on: to try to make someone do something by forcing, threatening, or persuading them in a determined way;

to cause to do through pressure or necessity, by physical, moral or intellectual means

- *Chinese airlines' coronavirus woes pile pressure on airports.*

Jair Bolsonaro: (March 21, 1955–) a Brazilian politician and retired military officer who has been the 38th president of Brazil since 1 January 2019.

rollback: the process of undoing something; dismantling

- *The rollback of reform is putting off private western investors.*

quarantine: a situation in which a person or animal that might have a disease is kept separate from other people or animals so that they do not catch the disease; a period of quarantine

- *Animals can be kept in quarantine for up to three months.*

toll: the total amount of harm or damage

- *the mounting toll of failed businesses*

defy: to refuse to obey someone or something

- *Tom was bold enough to defy his boss's order and canceled an important business trip.*
- *The commander defied a direct order to surrender.*

Sao Paulo: an ultramodern port city in southeastern Brazil; the largest city in South America

Joao Dorina: (born December 16, 1957) a Brazilian politician, businessman and journalist who is the 37th and current Governor of São Paulo, in office since January 2019.

makeshift: made using whatever is available and therefore not very good; Makeshift things are temporary and usually of poor quality, but they are used because there is nothing better available.

- *a makeshift shelter/grave/hospital*

iconic: very famous and well known, and believed to represent a particular idea

- *His photographs have become iconic images of war.*

Maracana stadium: a stadium in Rio de Janeiro; The stadium was opened in 1950 to host the FIFA World Cup, in which Brazil was beaten, 2–1, by Uruguay in the deciding game, in front of 199,854 spectators on 16 July 1950.

mandatory: ordered by a law or rule

- *In this country, it is mandatory for everyone to fasten their seat belts when in the car.*
- *Mandatory education in Japan is from grade one to nine.*

recommendation: a suggestion or piece of advice about how to solve a problem, deal with a situation, etc.

- *The committee's recommendations are unlikely to be made public.*

quarantine recommendation:

response: a reaction measures

- *There was an enthusiastic response to the suggestions.*
- *We're studying the body's immune response to the virus.*

indigenous: indigenous people lived in a place for a very long time before other people came to live there; native

- *the indigenous peoples of southern Africa*

reach: the distance that you travel to get somewhere

- *The hotel is within easy reach of downtown.*

critical: seriously sick; someone who is critical is very seriously sick or injured and might die

- *Several of the passengers are still critical.*
- *Ten of the injured are said to be in critical condition.*
- *a critical patient*

airlift: to take people or things into or away from a place by aircraft, especially in a dangerous situation

- *The injured climber has been airlifted to a hospital.*

intensive care unit: a hospital unit staffed and equipped to provide intensive care; the part of a hospital where extensive and continuous care and treatment are provided for an acutely ill patient

- *That patient needed an intensive care unit, not this, but it was all they had.*

Amazonas: a state of Brazil, located in the North Region in the northwestern corner of the country. It is the largest Brazilian state by area and the 9th largest country subdivision in the world, and is greater than the areas of Uruguay, Paraguay, and Chile combined.

case: an instance of a disease; a person with a disease

- *an instance of a disease*
- *the case of a 57-year-old man who had suffered a stroke*

biweekly: every-two-weeks; happening or published every two weeks

- *a biweekly journal*



- *He used to see them at the biweekly meetings.*
- *The group meets on a regular basis, usually weekly or biweekly.*

popularity: a situation in which someone or something is popular with many people

- *His popularity has skyrocketed.*
- *His popularity has plummeted.*
- *Small cars have gained in popularity as gas prices have risen.*

tumble: a sudden fall in something such as a price or a value

- *The dollar took its biggest tumble in over two years.*

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