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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

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SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

2,541,873 confirmed cases
233,689 deaths
36.61 vaccines/100 people

COLOMBIA

4,402,582 confirmed cases
110,019 deaths
37.86 vaccines/100 people

ECUADOR

463,951 confirmed cases
21,708 deaths
25.23 vaccines/100 people

BRAZIL

18,855,015 confirmed cases
526,892 deaths
50.3 vaccines/100 people

PERU

2,066,677 confirmed cases
193,389 deaths
24.27 vaccines/100 people

PARAGUAY

429,884 confirmed cases
13,447 deaths
9.26 vaccines/100 people

BOLIVIA

446,362 confirmed cases
16,985 deaths
22.68 vaccines/100 people

URUGUAY

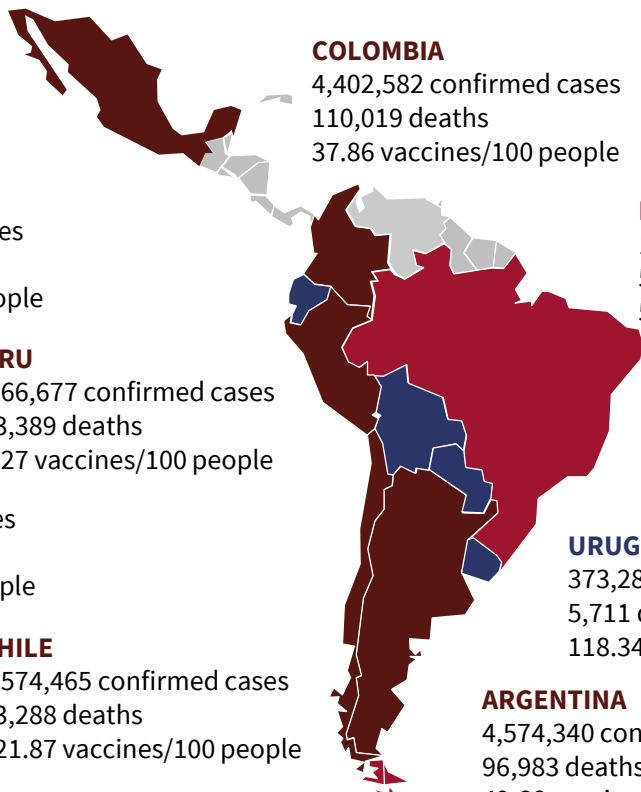
373,286 confirmed cases
5,711 deaths
118.34 vaccines/100 people

CHILE

1,574,465 confirmed cases
33,288 deaths
121.87 vaccines/100 people

ARGENTINA

4,574,340 confirmed cases
96,983 deaths
49.66 vaccines/100 people



CASES BY COUNTRY

- Between 100K and 500K
- Between 1M and 5M
- Between 500k and 1M
- More than 5M

COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE

JUNE 28 – JULY 06, 2021

COVID-19 CASE EVOLUTION: THIS WEEK'S DATA

COUNTRY	CASES			DEATHS			TESTS
	TOTAL	NEW	W-O-W INCREASE (%)	TOTAL	NEW	W-O-W INCREASE (%)	X -MILION
ARGENTINA	4,574,340	169,093	32.3%	96,983	4,415	43%	376,896
BOLIVIA	446,362	12,427	4.5%	16,985	404	-10%	158,074
BRAZIL	18,855,015	434,417	-4.3%	526,892	13,348	22%	252,253
CHILE	1,574,465	23,328	-19.3%	33,288	834	3%	898,684
COLOMBIA	4,402,582	243,866	14.2%	110,019	5,341	13%	4,402,582
ECUADOR	463,951	9,615	24.8%	21,708	185	-16%	87,377
MEXICO	2,541,873	36,081	26.6%	233,689	1,125	-18%	58,221
PARAGUAY	429,884	11,554	-4.6%	13,447	930	5%	215,534
PERU	2,066,677	18,562	0.4%	193,389	1,490	1%	430,485
URUGUAY	373,286	7,420	-32.6%	5,711	217	-3%	817,880

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 06/07/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: Candidate lists for the next legislative elections are being finalized.

Bolivia: President Luis Arce kickstarts vaccination for people over the age of 18.

Brazil: Investigations on alleged irregularities in vaccine procurement continue to advance.

Colombia: New mobility restrictions to be enforced after a COVID-19 outbreak declared amid social unrest.

Chile: Extraordinary Health Fund officially presented by President Sebastian Piñera.

Ecuador: Phase 3 of the COVID-19 vaccination plan will begin earlier.

Mexico: BIRMEX produced a test batch of the Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine.

Paraguay: Sanitary Emergency law extended until the end of the year.

Peru: A batch of two million vaccines donated by the United States Government arrived.

Uruguay: While the downward trend in cases consolidates, almost 50% of the population has two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
4,574,340	96,983	4,192,546	2,126	49.66

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Ministry convened research teams to study combined COVID-19 vaccine schedules. Based on a study presented by the Health Ministry, the "excess mortality" explained by COVID19 in 2020 reached 10.6%. This is equivalent to 36,306 deaths. President Fernandez signed a decree updating the Vaccine Law and allowing for the acquisition of US vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna and J&J vaccines).
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fifty percent of people over 18 years of age received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Likewise, a new record was reached with 471 000 doses applied in one day. Local production of Sputnik V component 2 to begin this week, local press reported. Vaccination without prior appointment authorized for people over 45 years of age in the Province of Buenos Aires. Three million COVID-19 vaccines are expected to arrive this week. Batches include Sinopharm, AZ and Sputnik.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government nationalized the Parana-Paraguay waterway for one year. During this period, it will prepare a new bidding process for the concession. Due to accelerated inflation, government agreed with business representatives to increase the minimum wage in September, five months earlier than expected.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Buenos Aires province, those returning from abroad must isolate in hotels for 4 days. BA city announced the return to on-site classes for high school levels.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This week, Argentina leaves the MERCOSUR's PRO tempore Presidency and hands it over to Brazil. With three weeks to go before the closing of the lists for the legislative elections, political forces – ruling coalition and opposition- are getting organized to define them.

BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
446,362	16,985	370,378	1,435	22.68

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spain donates medicines, respirators, and tests to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 2 million doses have been administered so far since the government kickstarted the vaccination campaign. Santa Cruz reached vaccination record high after more than 26,000 shots were administered last Monday. Government confirmed the arrival of a new massive Sputnik batch this week. President Luis Arce kickstarts vaccination for people over the age of 18. The Minister of Health ruled out that COVID-19 vaccination will be mandatory in Bolivia after some comments were made by MAS representatives regarding this issue.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite vaccine rollout advances speedily in Santa Cruz, local associations opposed to the idea of relaxing mobility restrictions.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bolivian Prosecutor's office admits another accusation against former president Jeanine Añez while the case remains unsolved. Several former Latin American presidents expressed their concern about the current situation of former governor Carlos Mesa and requested immediate solutions to solve the political instability the country is going through.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolivian lower house awaits backing from the government to approve a new pension bill that will allow withdrawing up to 100% of individual savings. The government analyses sanitary solutions and actions before a possible arrival of the Delta Variant to the country. Minister of Economy informed the latest economic figures amid the reactivation plan in Bolivia.

BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
18,855,015	526,892	17,262,646	2,461	50.3

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Logistics Director of the Ministry of Health was fired amid corruption investigations into vaccine purchases. The Ministry of Health authorized the expansion of the flu vaccine campaign beyond those in priority groups.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allegations of irregularity in the purchase of the Covaxin and AstraZeneca vaccines are dominating the work of the Pandemic CPI, with investigations by the Attorney General's Office into Bolsonaro's personal responsibility. The Ministry of Health delivered 13.5 million new doses of three varieties of vaccines to states and municipalities over five days. The Minister of Infrastructure Tarcísio de Freitas and the Attorney General André Mendonça publicly received their vaccine doses to dispel fears about the immunizations.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debates over vote audits, the paper ballot, and other electoral rule changes, which are already a major focus in Congress, will grow increasingly important as the next round of elections approach. Higher disapproval and new protests against the Bolsonaro administration in light of new corruption charges could endanger President Bolsonaro, especially if he loses support of the centrão legislators.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite a significant recovery in short-term investments, long-term investments remain below 2020 levels, possibly reacting to the Central Bank's high interest rate policy. The release of IPCA inflation data on July 8th will provide the government with more flexible spending under the expenditure cap, allowing investment in new social programs ahead of the 2022 elections.

CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
1,574,465	33,288	1,520,879	1,726	121.87

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 positivity rate reached 4.3% nationally and 3.7% in the Metropolitan Region, government confirmed last week. Chile launches a mental health campaign focused on children and adolescents. President Piñera officially presented the Extraordinary Health Fund to strengthen the hospital network amid the COVID-19 crisis.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children aged 16 to get vaccinated as of next week, Ministry of Health announced. More than 450,000 Pfizer doses arrived at the country to continue the national vaccination campaign.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bono Pyme subscription began on July 2 to boost Chilean economic reactivation. Chile and Germany signed agreement to promote green hydrogen. President Piñera begins the payment of the Universal Emergency Family Income that will benefit more than 15 million people.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister Ossa makes a positive assessment of the first session of the Constitutional Assembly installation last Sunday. The national government will be supporting the convention along the process to draft a new constitution in no more than 12 months. Government launched a gender equality policy for science, technology, knowledge and innovation for the digitization of women in Latin America. President Piñera holds videoconference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel. In the meeting they talked about the fight against COVID-19, the development of clean and renewable energies and green hydrogen, climate change, environmental protection, the recovery of the economy and the protection of democracy.

COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
4,402,582	110,019	4,113,917	2,139	37.86

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister of Health, Fernando Ruiz, launched the 11th session of the Intersectoral Public Health Commission, made up of sectors directly involved in medical supplies manufacturing. During the session, the guidelines of the ten-year health plan were published as well as the commission's work roadmap for the upcoming months.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Duque received second COVID-19 shot. US government donated 2.5 million doses of J&J to Colombia last week. More than 539,000 Pfizer doses arrived at the country reaching a total of 25 million vaccines acquired. According to projections from the Ministry of Health, Colombia will be reaching herd immunity by the first weeks of September.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amid a new COVID-19 outbreak, the Ministry of Health asked the mayors of cities with an ICU occupancy greater than 85% to enforce stricter mobility measures.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within the OECD framework, 130 countries including Colombia, agreed to establish a minimum corporate tax rate, in addition to defining rules for multinational companies.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colombian Sergio Diaz-Granados was elected president of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) for a 5-year period. Despite a final tax reform document hasn't been published yet, Minister of Finance Jose Manuel Restrepo announced that the new proposal will not affect issues related to VAT, pensions, or personal income. The reform will be presented before Congress in July 20. Enrique Peñalosa registered an electoral committee to collect signatures for his presidential campaign.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the unemployment level increased from April (15.1%) to May (15.6%), is still lower compared to 2020.

ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
463,951	21,708	431,404	1,212	25.23

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health Minister held a meeting with the National Public Procurement Service (Sercop) as part of an intervention program that the Government seeks to implement. The National Institute for Public Health Research (INSPI) summoned public and private institutions to be part of the National Systematic and Routine Genomic Surveillance Network of SARSCoV2.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 3 of the vaccination plan will begin earlier. The Ecuadorian Business Committee (CEE) loaned five freezers needed to preserve the Pfizer vaccines. Ecuador received the first batch of 1,000,000 Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines, out of a total of two million doses donated by the U.S.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan for the progressive return to work presence within the COVID-19 pandemic context started.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral court ratified the removal of Quito's mayor.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Planning Secretariat keeps on advancing with the structuring of the National Development Plan. The economy contracted 5.6% in the first quarter of 2021 compared to last year, according to the Central Bank.

MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
2,541,873	233,689	2,019,048	1,793	36.61

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Institute of Health for Wellbeing (INSABI) assured that their oncological treatment supply is guaranteed. According to the Health Secretariat, Mexico is facing a rebound in coronavirus cases but with less lethality. The National Action Party demanded the Congress to request the Finance and Health Secretariat a report on the purchase of medicines .
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COFEPRIS releasesd two new batches of AstraZeneca and CanSino vaccines packaged in Mexico⁴ BIRMEX produced a test batch of the Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government warned citizens of foreign travel due to COVID-19 variants. The Foreign Relations Secretariat is working with the United States to redefine essential activities on the common border.
Outlook	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President of the Mexican Commission for Human Rights pointed out that rights in health are being violated by the government due to lack of access to these services. Researchers from the National Polytechnic Institute are working on a device to eliminate COVID-19 on surfaces.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The national economy slowed its recovery rate, according to the Mexican Institute of Finance Executives (IMEF) Consumer confidence in Mexico reached its highest level in 21 months,.

PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
429,884	13,447	382,291	1,862	9.26

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister of Health seeks additional funds to meet pandemic management expenses.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers, military and police officers, and press workers to be vaccinated next weekend. The country's biggest vaccination center will begin to operate. Shipment of 150,000 doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccines received. Minister of Health undertakes negotiations to procure J&J's COVID-19 vaccines. Vaccination centers enabled to operate in night-shifts.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Finance disburses resources to pay State creditors within a strategy to dynamize the economy.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiscal deficit reaches -33% in the first semester of the year.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government extends the Sanitary Emergency Law until the end of the year. Senate approves bill allowing audits to binational entities. Abdo administration celebrates the decision.

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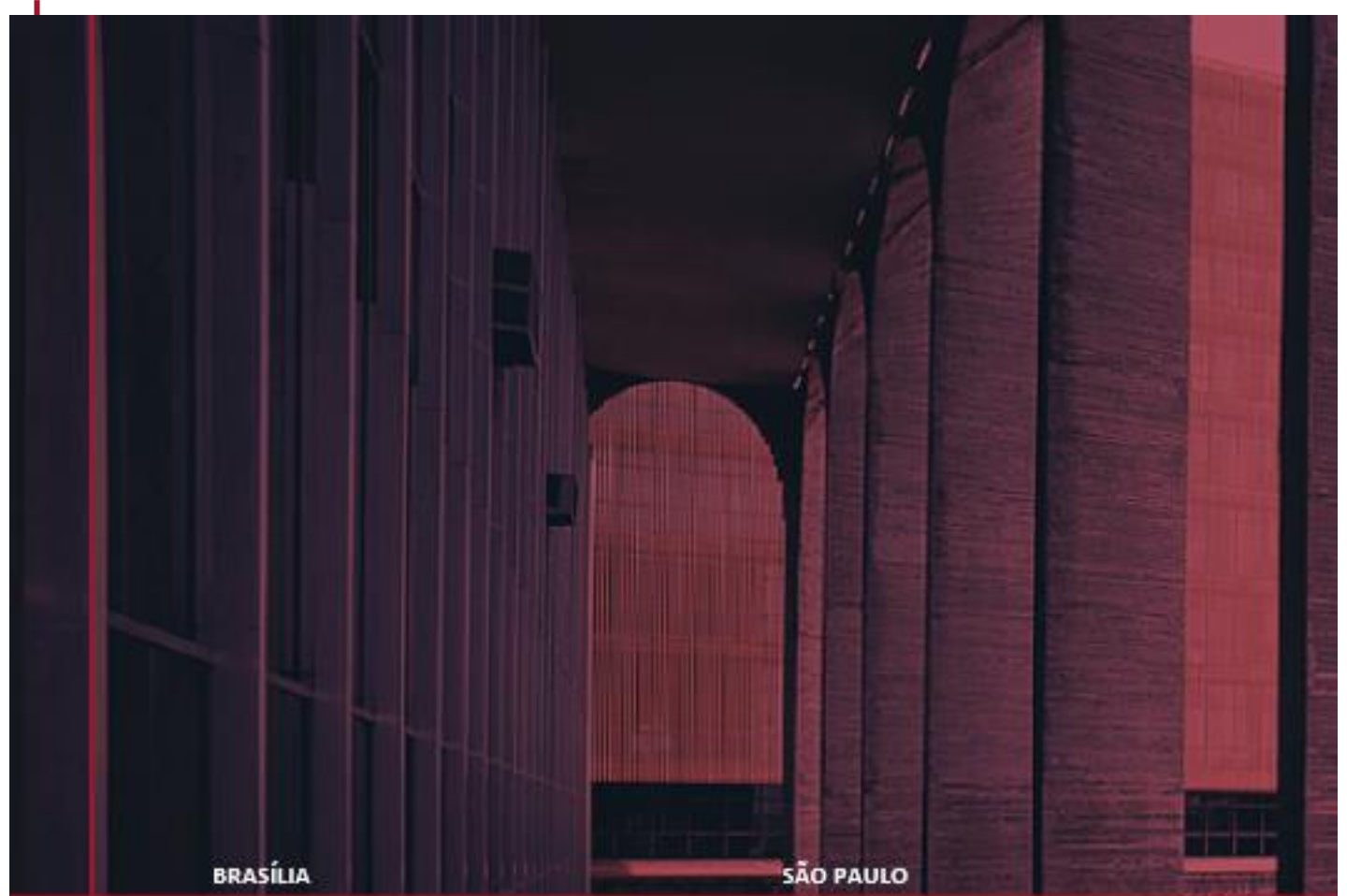
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2,066,677	193,389	-	5,784	24.27

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health presented the guidelines for the care of the mental health of children survivors of human trafficking. The Regulation for the Conditional Sanitary Registry of Medicines and Biological Products was updated. The Ministry of Health received four new medicinal oxygen plants from France.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A batch of two million vaccines donated by the United States Government arrived. The Health Minister expects to have the entire population vaccinated by December 2021. The Ministry of Health received a proposal from a mining company to support vaccination in 5 regions. The Minister of Health stated that his office will leave 50 million vaccines to the next government, which will take office on July 28.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government reported that the suspension of flights from India, South Africa and Brazil will continue.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peru expects to lead economic growth in the region in the next three years, according to the Minister of Economy.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elected president, Pedro Castillo, defended himself against the accusations of a possible financing of his electoral campaign by a criminal organization.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Congress approved the draft of the National Cancer Law which proposes free health coverage for all cancer patients in the country.


URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	VACCINATION PER 100
373,286	5,711	356,929	1,638	118.34

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trend towards improvement in COVID-19 cases is consolidated: while eight Departments are currently out of the red zone of the Harvard Index, less than 1,000 cases per day were reported for the first time in three-and-a-half months, local press remarked. The number of patients admitted to intensive care for COVID-19 decreased by 57% in the last month, the Uruguayan Society of Intensive Care Medicine reported. According to the Ministry of Health's third vaccine effectiveness study, Sinovac prevents death in 94.65% and Pfizer in 96.16%.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uruguay enabled second dose to foreign residents, Uruguayan vaccinated with the first dose in foreign countries and diplomatic personnel. By this week, 50% of the population will be vaccinated with two doses, Health Minister reported. Health Ministry discusses whether to apply a third dose to immunosuppressed patients, local press reported.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obras Sanitarias del Estado (OSE) announced an extension of sanitation services to benefit more than 500,000 inhabitants.
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During July, on-site medical consultations and scheduled surgeries are resumed.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After authorities reached an agreement on meat cooler BTU (Frigorífico BTU), which had had problems with product labeling, meat exports to China have resumed completely. The labor union movement PIT- CNT announced that 40 000 signatures are missing to reach the referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law (LUC). Deadline is July 9th.




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