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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

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291,204 deaths
48.67% fully vaccinated

COLOMBIA

5,036,287 confirmed cases
127,865 deaths
44.39% fully vaccinated

ECUADOR

521,792 confirmed cases
33,088 deaths
58.51% fully vaccinated

BRAZIL

21,965,684 confirmed cases
611,524 deaths
59.75% fully vaccinated

PERU

2,215,373 confirmed cases
200,672 deaths
49.41% fully vaccinated

PARAGUAY

462,059 confirmed cases
16,342 deaths
34.74% fully vaccinated

BOLIVIA

524,261 confirmed cases
19,022 deaths
33.37% fully vaccinated

URUGUAY

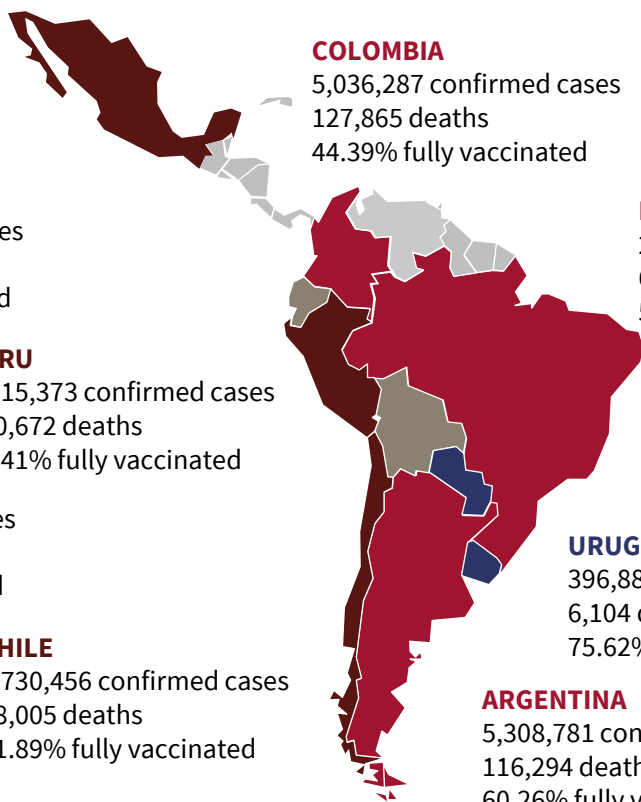
396,888 confirmed cases
6,104 deaths
75.62% fully vaccinated

CHILE

1,730,456 confirmed cases
38,005 deaths
81.89% fully vaccinated

ARGENTINA

5,308,781 confirmed cases
116,294 deaths
60.26% fully vaccinated



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

NOVEMBER 08 - NOVEMBER 16, 2021

COVID-19 CASE EVOLUTION: THIS WEEK'S DATA

COUNTRY	CASES			DEATHS			TESTS X -MILION
	TOTAL	NEW	W-O-W INCREASE (%)	TOTAL	NEW	W-O-W INCREASE (%)	
ARGENTINA	5,308,781	12,000	75.5%	116,294	280	1020%	561,930
BOLIVIA	524,261	6,359	55.4%	19,022	58	61%	215,574
BRAZIL	21,965,684	85,245	43.7%	611,524	2,040	44%	297,137
CHILE	1,730,456	19,014	42.8%	38,005	126	30%	1,273,604
COLOMBIA	5,036,287	21,245	92.0%	127,865	332	50%	531,992
ECUADOR	521,792	2,406	-31.8%	33,088	99	219%	106,480
MEXICO	3,846,508	19,722	6.1%	291,204	1,470	16%	88,692
PARAGUAY	462,059	698	153.8%	16,342	79	464%	265,173
PERU	2,215,373	7,854	47.4%	200,672	234	44%	585,221
URUGUAY	396,888	1,620	33.3%	6,104	18	200%	1,140,120

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 16/11/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: In general mid-term legislative elections the government was defeated in 15 provinces and lost control of the Senate.

Bolivia: COVID-19 cases increased by 400% in Santa Cruz amid the social unrest.

Brazil: Average cases and deaths began rising again, ahead of the holiday season.

Colombia: Ministry of Health installed a roundtable to strengthen the public hospitals system around the country.

Chile: Concerns over COVID-19 outbreak one week before elections.

Ecuador: President Lasso changed Armed Forces chiefs after prison riot.

Mexico: The 2022 Expenditure Budget was approved by Congress.

Paraguay: The Executive branch, Ministry of Health, and business representatives announced a campaign to give greater incentives for vaccinated people.

Peru: ECLAC agreed to strengthen cooperation in different areas.

Uruguay: Central Bank of Uruguay raised its interest rate to contain inflation.

ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,308,781	116,294	5,174,548	2,541	60.26%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Fernandez met with the interministerial commission in charge of carrying out vaccine production projects. The Development Plan for Pharmaceutical Services based on Primary Health Care was approved. It is an initiative promoting the strengthening of the actions carried out by pharmacy professionals throughout the country.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A shipment of 870,000 Sinopharm vaccines arrived in the country. Argentina to donate COVID-19 vaccines.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At a joint press conference, authorities confirmed the agreement to freeze drug prices. The agreement is framed within a strategy to curb inflation and will be extended until January 7.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the city of Buenos Aires, it is no longer mandatory to wear a mask in kindergarten and first cycle of elementary school.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In mid-term legislative elections the government was defeated in 15 provinces and lost control of the Senate. The government managed to improve its performance in the province of Buenos Aires with respect to the primary elections but was unable to achieve victory. After electoral defeat, the President called for a dialogue with the opposition and for a debt agreement in the Congress. In this context, pro-government social movements are preparing a demonstration in support of President Alberto Fernandez. The Food Front Labeling Law was enacted. Now begins the regulation period for which the executive has 90 days.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflation was 3.5% in October and already exceeded 40% so far in 2021.

BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
524,261	19,022	483,330	1,600	33.37%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government launched free cancer treatments for adult patients. Ministry of Health reported that COVID-19 cases increased by 400% in Santa Cruz due to the social unrest.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health authorities to begin vaccinating children ages 12-17.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAM and HUB 7 signed alliance to promote entrepreneurship projects across the country.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Arce visited Brazil to meet with the Bolivian community and address the economic reactivation, education, and health initiatives enforced amid the pandemic. While the government announced the repeal of the Bill 1386 after six days of national strike, opposition groups stepped up its demands on President Arce and called for the repeal of more laws and regulatory actions. As of last week, several road blockades remain in force in Santa Cruz main streets but also in other cities of the country such as Sucre, Cochabamba, and Potosi. Meanwhile, pro-government union leaders, mining workers, and indigenous communities announced holding a march to La Paz to defend Arce's administration.
Outlook	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to experts, delays on the presentation of the 2022 general budget signals uncertainty within the government of the sources of financing that will be used. The budget bill should already be under treatment in Congress. Farmers reported USD \$2 million in damage from road blockades amid strikes in different cities of Bolivia.

BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
21,965,684	611,524	21,777,367	2,849	59.75%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz) issued a warning in its COVID-19 bulletin over the threat that rising cases in Europe and Asia could pose to Brazil. The Ministry of Health launched a campaign to promote primary health care and basic health units, as part of the Unified Health System.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The federal government expects to receive 24.4 million COVID-19 vaccine doses from Pfizer, AstraZeneca, and Janssen in December. Of the eligible population, 156.3 million people (88.3%) have received at least one dose, while 124.6 million people (70.4%) have completed vaccination. Pfizer submitted a request to ANVISA for approval of its Comirnaty vaccine for children between the ages of 5 and 11.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The São Paulo coordinator for government action against COVID-19 announced that, going forward, social distancing measures and other restrictions will be lifted on the vaccinated and imposed on the unvaccinated.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Judicial Debt PEC was approved by the House of Representatives on Wednesday (10), but now moves to the Senate, where the conditions for approval are less favorable. President Bolsonaro is now expected to officially join the Liberal Party (PL) on November 22, after an announcement from the president of the party Valdemar Costa Neto.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The release of economic indicators for September and October were largely negative, with declines in industrial production and trade, along with lower-than-expected growth in services and higher inflation. Despite the negative economic indicators, Minister of Economy Paulo Guedes stated that markets are underestimating Brazil's growth potential, with his expectation that the economy will grow 5% in 2021 and continue to grow in 2022.

CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
1,730,456	38,005	1,632,749	1,965	81.89%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns over a COVID-19 outbreak one week before elections. Bill to consider obesity as a chronic disease presented before Congress by the Ministry of Health.
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Education announces the return to face-to-face classes for March 2022. Mandatory vaccination proposal for those working from offices generated debates amongst union groups.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates announced their economic proposals days before general elections amid a dissimilar fiscal outlook compared to the 2017 presidential elections. Members of a mixed commission in Congress to debate a fourth pension withdrawal amid concerns over inflation. National Electric Coordinator calls for international public tender for the construction of 38 energy transmission projects. At COP26, the Government launched its strategy for the development of resilient cities by 2050. Senate approves greater flexibility for regional governments in the 2022 budget discussion.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate to solve Piñera's constitutional accusation after the lower chamber approved the impeachment trial in a marathonic debate at the beginning of last week. Candidates to perform the last presidential debate before elections. Members of the national assembly presented the first proposal for a constitutional norm last week.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chile to hold the first edition of the R Summit to promote circular economy in the country. Experts to cut GDP projections for 2022. Chile's foreign trade grows 40% between January and October.

COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,036,287	127,865	4,877,518	2,477	44.39%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health installed a roundtable to strengthen the public hospitals system around the country. Mexico's National Institute of Public Health to support external validation of Colombia's Ten-Year Health Plan. Ministry of Health calls for intensifying actions against dengue after issuing an epidemiological alert in mid-September.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government announced reaching 51 million doses applied throughout the country as more than 22.6 million Colombians are now fully vaccinated. 15 capital cities have already vaccinated 70% of its population with at least one shot, Minister of Health remarked.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Duque proposed a new Climate Action Charter; the strengthening of creative industries, and immigration assistance actions amid the Ibero-American summit. The 2022 general budget was sanctioned by President Duque.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duque announced reaching the highest point in bilateral relationships with Israel after a diplomatic visit took place to promote trade, innovation and investment projects. Both countries launched a Colombia-Israel Business Council, and direct foreign investment resources were committed for USD \$68 million, among other points. Presidential candidate Sergio Fajardo asks centrists leaders to consolidate the <i>Coalición de la Esperanza</i> alliance amid tensions.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First forest biomass power generation plant inaugurated last week. State owned Ecopetrol recorded an increase of profit of 336.7% compared to the same period last year.

ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
521,792	33,088	443,880	1,837	58.51%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Public Health announced a program to outsource hospital outpatient pharmacies in 2022. The Quality Assurance Agency for Health Services and Prepaid Medicine (ACCESS) updated the processes for authorizing laboratories that carry out COVID-19 tests. The Health Commission began the analysis of the bill for comprehensive diabetes care.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health reiterated that compliance with the regular vaccination scheme is not a requirement for children to access the COVID-19 vaccine.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government announced the creation of the Technical Secretariat for Public-Private Partnerships.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Lasso appointed a new head of the Armed Forces and a new General Commander of the Land Force. The State Attorney's Office intervened the headquarters of the National Agency for Health Regulation, Control and Surveillance (ARCSA)
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The country will show its 25 largest public investment projects at the Open for Business 2021 forum. The Foreign Minister reiterated the government's will to attract foreign investment to the country.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second dialogue between the Executive and the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities (CONAIE) was held. Another riot at a penitentiary in Guayaquil left 68 prisoners dead.

MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
3,846,508	291,204	3,209,863	2,226	48.67%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health Secretariat reported a 7% reduction in COVID-19 cases compared to the previous week. President AMLO recognized the shortage of medicines and demanded a solution from the Secretary of Health. Two National Centers for the Distribution of Health Supplies will be built in Michoacan and Sinaloa. The Health Institute for Well-being (INSABI) and UNOPS reported that medicines and health supplies are guaranteed for the first semester of 2022.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Undersecretary of Health announced the immunization of adolescents from 15 to 17 years without comorbidities.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2022 Expenditure Budget was approved by Congress. The Economy Secretariat signed a collaboration agreement with Microsoft to promote the development of SMEs.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pablo Gómez Álvarez was appointed as the new head of the Financial Intelligence Unit (UIF). President AMLO will meet President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on November 18.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President AMLO advanced that Mexico will propose a world plan for fraternity and well-being to the UN General Assembly.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the United Nations Committee against Forced Disappearance (CED) arrived in the country.

PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
462,059	16,342	445,028	2,253	34.74%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paraguay launches campaign to intensify fight against measles, polio and rubella.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 400,000 doses of the Indian Covaxin vaccine arrived in Paraguay. Paraguay reaches 43% of its population with at least one anti-covid dose. Ministry of Health urges to immunize against COVID-19 as an increase in hospitalized and unvaccinated deaths is recorded. Deputy Minister of Health informed about a workplan to increase vaccination rates, through promotions in tourist destinations.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government extends sanitary measures without changes until November 30th. Ministry of health announced that vaccination cards will not be required to attend the Festivities of Caacupé,
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive and business guilds announced campaign and greater incentives for people to get vaccinated. Executive seeks to reverse budget cuts that affect the education and research sector. Mario Abdo Benítez, requested the constitutional agreement for the appointment of Enrique Riera as Paraguayan ambassador to the OAS.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey of economic expectations reveals inflation expectation of 7% by the end of 2021. Paraguay and Switzerland seek to intensify trade relations after an official meeting. Historical record in Paraguayan meat, exports stand out during October, reaching 283,214 tons.

PERU

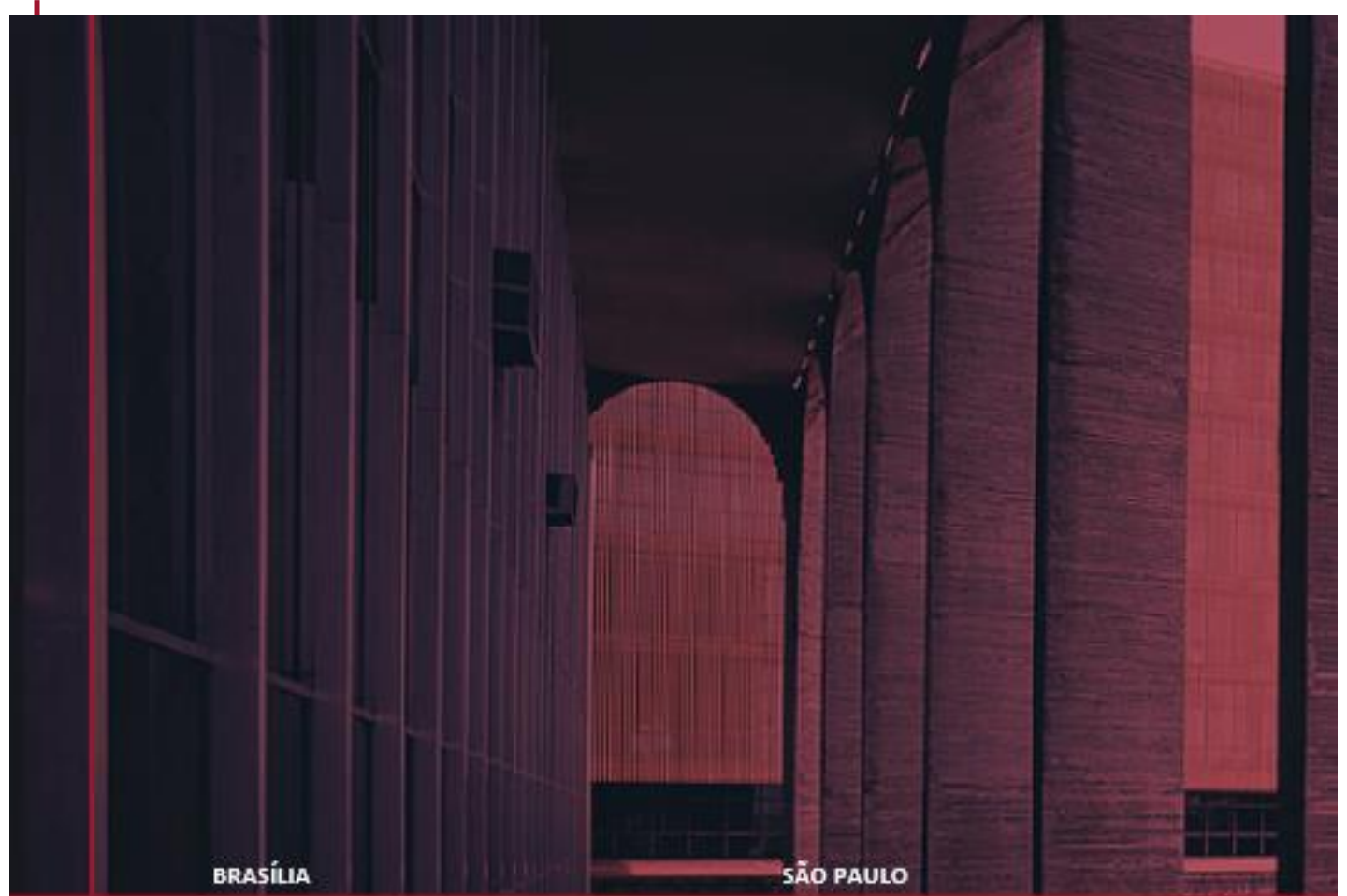
TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
2,215,373	200,672	-	5,972	49.41%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister of Health and the Executive Secretary of ECLAC agreed on an agenda for the implementation of the Health Self-Sufficiency Plan. The Ministry of Health ordered that health establishments throughout the country restart face-to-face care in various medical specialties.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ministry of Health reported that they have not yet decided which COVID-19 vaccine will be used to inoculate children between 5 and 11 years old. President Castillo proposed that COVID-19 vaccines be produced in the 21 countries of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum (APEC).
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government prohibited interprovincial travel for those over 45 years of age not vaccinated with two doses. The Minister of Health expects that the regulations so that companies with more than 10 workers can return to face-to-face work will be ready soon.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Urgency Decree that establishes the granting of an extraordinary bonus in favor of private and public workers with lower incomes was issued. The Government included Diesel BX in the Fund for the Stabilization of Prices of Fuels.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Castillo held a meeting with the director of the International Labor Organization (ILO). President Castillo accepted the resignation of the Defense Minister. Peru will host the 52nd General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS). The president ordered the sale of the presidential plane as an austerity measure and to allocate the money to health and education.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Castillo spoke with the Executive Secretary of ECLAC on the post-COVID-19 economic recovery.

URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
396,888	6,104	388,870	1,749	75.62%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASSE's Rural Medicine Plan was launched. It seeks to decentralize health services and encourage the settlement of professionals in areas far from population centers, by means of benefits. • Government includes treatment for Hemophilia A in National Resources Fund coverage list. • Uruguay completed a week with a drop in the number of active coronavirus cases, local press reported.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayors' Congress decided not to increase vehicle licenses in 2022. • The Central Bank of Uruguay raised its interest rate.
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health authorized up to 100% capacity for massive events in open places and with an immunized public.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uruguay introduced green hydrogen export strategy to European investors. • The Electoral Court validated 560,500 signatures. Only 111,042 are missing to be able to call the referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law. • A bill to suspend the ban on the sale of alcoholic beverages for the Provisional Bank elections will be submitted to Parliament.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert Commission approved final document with recommendations for the pension reform. The document will be submitted to the Executive Branch. • Number of people on unemployment insurance fell for the fifth consecutive month. • The National Federation of High School Teachers (FENAPES) announced a 24-hour strike for November 18.



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