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COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

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SPREAD OF COVID-19 | MAIN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

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288,464 deaths
46.54% fully vaccinated

COLOMBIA

5,003,977 confirmed cases
127,311 deaths
41.66% fully vaccinated

ECUADOR

515,859 confirmed cases
32,958 deaths
56.41% fully vaccinated

BRAZIL

21,821,124 confirmed cases
608,071 deaths
55.27% fully vaccinated

PERU

2,202,189 confirmed cases
200,276 deaths
46.33% fully vaccinated

PARAGUAY

461,086 confirmed cases
16,249 deaths
32.71% fully vaccinated

BOLIVIA

513,810 confirmed cases
18,928 deaths
32.63% fully vaccinated

URUGUAY

394,053 confirmed cases
6,080 deaths
75.22% fully vaccinated

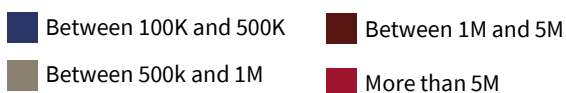
CHILE

1,698,127 confirmed cases
37,782 deaths
78.54% fully vaccinated

ARGENTINA

5,289,945 confirmed cases
115,989 deaths
56.98% fully vaccinated

CASES BY COUNTRY



COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: WEEKLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 02, 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	5,289,945	9,587	39.0%	115,989	163	34%	549,575
BOLIVIA	513,810	3,891	39.7%	18,928	27	13%	214,094
BRAZIL	21,821,124	91,361	17.4%	608,071	2,389	11%	297,222
CHILE	1,698,127	14,676	40.4%	37,782	97	56%	1,224,332
COLOMBIA	5,003,977	12,927	52.5%	127,311	244	35%	520,202
ECUADOR	515,859	253	-90.2%	32,958	6	-89%	106,545
MEXICO	3,808,205	24,878	0.1%	288,464	2,118	13%	86,851
PARAGUAY	461,086	363	113.5%	16,249	18	500%	261,702
PERU	2,202,189	6,330	15.9%	200,276	224	32%	568,960
URUGUAY	394,053	1,905	94.2%	6,080	9	350%	1,100,786

Source: National Health Ministries & OurWorld in Data (As of: 02/11/2021 | 14:00 EST). Prospectiva



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COUNTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Argentina: Secretary of Domestic Trade acknowledges 80% compliance with the Price Freeze measure.

Bolivia: Concerns over a fourth outbreak increases as cases continue to escalate.

Brazil: COVID-19 situation in Brazil remains positive amid worsening economic news

Colombia: Government expands vaccination to other populations as vaccine shipments keep arriving.

Chile: Ministry of Health increases resources to reinforce local vaccination and testing.

Ecuador: Lasso continues to face ongoing protests.

Mexico: Secretary of Health delivers accountability report before Chamber of Deputies.

Paraguay: Vaccination efforts against COVID-19 to be revamped as government sees slight increase in hospitalizations.

Peru: State of Emergency extended.

Uruguay: Electoral Court has validated more than 505,000 signatures. Final decision on whether to call referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law will be known in November.

ARGENTINA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,289,945	115,989	5,156,473	2,535	56.98%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the last two weeks, the number of COVID-19 is explained by the delta variable and lower restrictions, local press reported. Ministry of Health submitted results of the survey of Integrated Health Services Networks in more than 3,000 health centers nationwide. Government transferred to the unions managing <i>the Obras Sociales</i> an advance payment of a record amount for the year 2021. It is to maintain the chain of payments, finance prolonged medical treatments and face the expenses derived from COVID-19.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government announced the implementation of a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine for immunocompromised persons and those over 50 years of age with Sinopharm. A new batch of 930,000 doses of Pfizer vaccines arrived in the country.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government will announce an investment of USD 8.4 billion for clean energies, according to local press. The investment will be made by the Australian company Fortescue.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government made official the total opening of borders for foreign tourism as from November 1.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate approved the bill to increase the non-taxable minimum for personal property. The Food Labeling Law was approved. Legislative support was provided by the government and the opposition. Minister of Economy held technical meeting with IMF on Argentine debt in Rome. Secretary of Commerce recognized an 80% compliance with the Price Freeze measure. He also mentioned that there is great tension with some companies to carry it out.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The oilseed grain complex settled foreign exchange for USD 2.3 billion during October, reaching a historical record. This is explained by commodity prices.

BOLIVIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
513,810	18,928	475,965	1,593	32.63%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health confirmed stock of medicines amid concerns of a fourth COVID-19 outbreak in the country. Bolivia to evaluate joint actions with Peru to enforce epidemiological surveillance and border controls. While Covid cases increased in the last few weeks, government calls local leaders to evaluate actions moving forward.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 7.8 million people have been vaccinated so far nonetheless, health authorities have highlighted their concern about a slight increase in cases.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolivia presented a cumulative surplus of USD 1.5 billion, the best performance in seven years according to the government. Meanwhile, exports totaled over USD \$ 7 Billion, compared to imports (USD \$ 6 billion), President Arce stated last week.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Arce assisted COP26 where he urged high-income countries to take leadership in the climate change agenda, providing financing, transferring technologies, and helping low-income states along the process. President of Peru, Pedro Castillo, visited Bolivia within the framework of the VI Binational Cabinet meeting. The two leaders signed different agreements to promote and strengthen ties between both countries. These commitments are part of a 2020-2021 Action Plan that includes environmental, economic, and integration plans.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitch Ratings maintains Bolivia's B rating with a stable outlook, government informed.

BRAZIL

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
21,821,124	608,071	21,016,876	2,834	55.3%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to data from the Ministry of Health, the moving average of COVID-19 deaths is at its lowest level since April 2020. • Minister of Health Marcelo Queiroga signed a letter of intent with the University of Oxford to promote the training of new researchers and the development of vaccines at a unit of the university in Brazil. • The number of "health techs" in Brazil doubled throughout the pandemic, mainly focused on access to telemedicine.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister Queiroga announced that Brazil will donate surplus COVID-19 vaccines to poorer countries in 2022. • Brazil now has 154 million people (73%) partially vaccinated against COVID-19, along with 117 million people (55%) fully vaccinated. • Fiocruz highlighted the importance of a vaccine passport in its COVID bulletin and called for vaccine requirements for certain work sectors.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Liberal Party (PL) joined a growing number of parties extending formal invitations to President Bolsonaro to run on their ticket in the 2022 elections, but the President is unlikely to make a decision soon. • The House will vote on the Judicial Debt PEC on November 3rd, with approval likely due to the dependence of the Brazil Aid program on the amendment for financing.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Bank raised its inflation forecast from 8.5% to 9.5% for 2021, with expectations that the SELIC interest rate could reach 11% by March 2022 to control inflation. • Negative economic projections for 2022 are proliferating, with some institutions predicting negative GDP growth – attributed to the relaxation of the spending cap and electoral considerations increasing uncertainty over the Central Bank's ability to control inflation.

CHILE

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
1,698,127	37,782	1,618,825	1,954	78.54%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower chamber makes a call for the health emergency to be decreed due to the rise in obesity. Minister of Health Enrique Paris inaugurates Expo Hospital 2021.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Around 200,000 new Pfizer doses arrived in the country last week. Ministry of Health increases resources to reinforce COVID-19 vaccination and testing at the local level.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitutional Commission approves in general the project which allows a fourth pension withdrawal. The bill now passes to the lower chamber for its final approval. 2022 budget advances at Congress amid concerns regarding its content. Ministry of Science presents officially the new Strategy on Artificial Intelligence.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experts addressed their projections and political analysis weeks before general elections. Candidates met last week at the Universidad de Chile to discuss key issues on education, climate change, and culture. While Jose Antonio Kast appeared first in the latest Cadem poll, representatives from Chile Vamos government coalition have begun to support the far right-wing candidate, a decision questioned by centrist Sebastian Sichel. Ministry of Environment launched the Long-Term Climate Strategy.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumer confidence index reached in October six months of consecutive improvement. The price of copper falls again and is at a two-week low. Union leaders asked the government to establish a new salary readjustment amid the economic reactivation.

COLOMBIA

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
5,003,977	127,311	4,847,217	2,467	41.66%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colombia and Panama signed a plan to eliminate malaria. Ministry of Health invites citizens to participate along the exclusion of technologies process.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of November 10, those registered in the Temporary Protection Statute will begin their vaccination process. President Duque approves Sinovac vaccine for children aged 3-11. October is the month in which more doses have arrived in the country since vaccine rollout started.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government signed a decree to grant minimum wage subsidies of 25% to entrepreneurs who create new jobs for young people. Government reported more than COP \$9.8 billion in sales amid the VAT-free days, representing a growth of 130% compared to the previous year. Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) to support innovation programs, as well as cultural and creative industries actions.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Duque assisted in the COP26 Summit meeting with environmental leaders and high-level officials from all around the globe. More than USD \$33 million was pledged to strengthen the fight against the climate crisis, reduce deforestation, and protect the Colombian Amazon. Colombia launched the Long-Term Climate Strategy 2050, which marks the roadmap the government and private sector must follow to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. Centrist presidential candidate Alejandro Gaviria rejected the invitation of Sergio Fajardo to join the <i>Coalicion de la Esperanza</i> signaling a lack of consensus among centrists.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September's unemployment rate reached 12.1%, presenting a reduction in the figures reported in the same month of 2020.

ECUADOR

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
515,859	32,958	443,880	1,831	56.41%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government carries out USD 4 million purchase for kits to treat hemophilia. Among the six variants of COVID-19 currently circulating in Ecuador, Delta is the most predominant.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500,000 doses of Sinovac vaccines were received within the framework of a donation by the Chinese government. In six out of the nine sanitary regions, health personnel and senior adults are receiving booster shots against COVID-19. Children between five and 11 will be vaccinated with Sinovac's COVID-19 vaccine. Earlier plans proposed to vaccinate them with Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People vaccinated abroad will be able to access events despite not having local vaccination card.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Lasso submits before congress a tax reform bill aiming to collect USD 1,8 billion in the next two years. Amid protests, Minister of Economy comments that oil prices are "reasonable".
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protests continue to take place. Minister of Government calls to resume dialogue. President Lasso announces expansion of Galapagos reserve. President Lasso dismisses possibility of dissolving the National Assembly and seeks dialogue to move beyond current gridlock.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local press highlights that the government is seeking to secure trade agreements with 10 strategic markets.

MEXICO

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
3,808,205	288,464	3,168,911	2,206	46.54%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Secretariat highlights UNOPS purchase and tackling corruption in the health system among other points in accountability report held before the Chamber of Deputies. Modifications to the National Residency Exam will allow for an increase in health personnel to tackle current shortages. IMSS creates a committee focused on financial risks. Foreign Affairs Minister called to universally recognize Sputnik-V and Cansino COVID-19 vaccines at G20 summit. INEGI issues report on excess mortality, CVD, COVID-19 and Diabetes rank in the top three reasons behind them.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Subsecretary establishes that the country has reached its COVID-19 vaccination goal of at least one-dose for adults. Judge issues ruling to include minors on the COVID-19 vaccination plan. Health Secretary's remarks on pediatric vaccination against COVID-19 have raised questionings against his stance. This week 5,9 million of AstraZenca's COVID-19 vaccines were received. With this shipment a total of 62,790,100 doses have been received from this company.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government issues report on economic situation, public finances and debts for third quarter of the year.
	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government updates epidemiological traffic light system for the next two weeks. No entity has been classified within the red zone.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill to regulate pesticides submitted. Electoral Court determines that President AMLO should not publicize the referendum to remove him from office. Meanwhile, campaign to collect signatures in favour of the process begins in Jalisco. Mexico takes Security Council chair with a clear agenda on arms control and women protection.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMLO criticizes IMF recommendations and policies in morning press conference. Energy Reform bill questioned in COPARMEX forum.

PARAGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
461,086	16,249	444,579	2,241	32.71%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns over decreasing requests for social aid covering medicines to treat COVID-19 despite slight increase in related hospitalizations. • Bill granting access to different services for breast and uterine cancer advances in Congress. • Ministry of Health calls to act against dengue by removing possible infection focus. • Delta variant of COVID-19 becomes predominant in recent infections. • Tesai Foundation enables COVID-19 diagnostics laboratory. • 9.7% of adults has Diabetes, health authority warned on a local media outlet.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With infections increasing in communities with low vaccination rates, mainly in the interior of the country, the Ministry will seek to increase vaccination efforts in those areas. • Vaccination of teenagers with 16 years of age and older kickstarted. • Third-dose vaccination for prioritized populations continues.
Outlook	Country Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government extends sanitary measures until November 16th with little changes to current measures. • Ministry of Health and Customs' Office to lead coordinated efforts to increase sanitary and epidemiological controls in border with Brazil. • Due to COVID-19 outbreak, authorities suspend massive events in Itaipu's Yatytay. • Discussion on bill to separate areas between vaccinated and unvaccinated against COVID-19 postponed.
	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicameral Committee issues ruling on 2022 Budget. The bill will now undergo debates in the Chamber and Senate respectively. • President Abdo submits bill defining conflict of interest for public officials.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations on Itaipu's tariffs still underway amid a tense environment for the Abdo administration.

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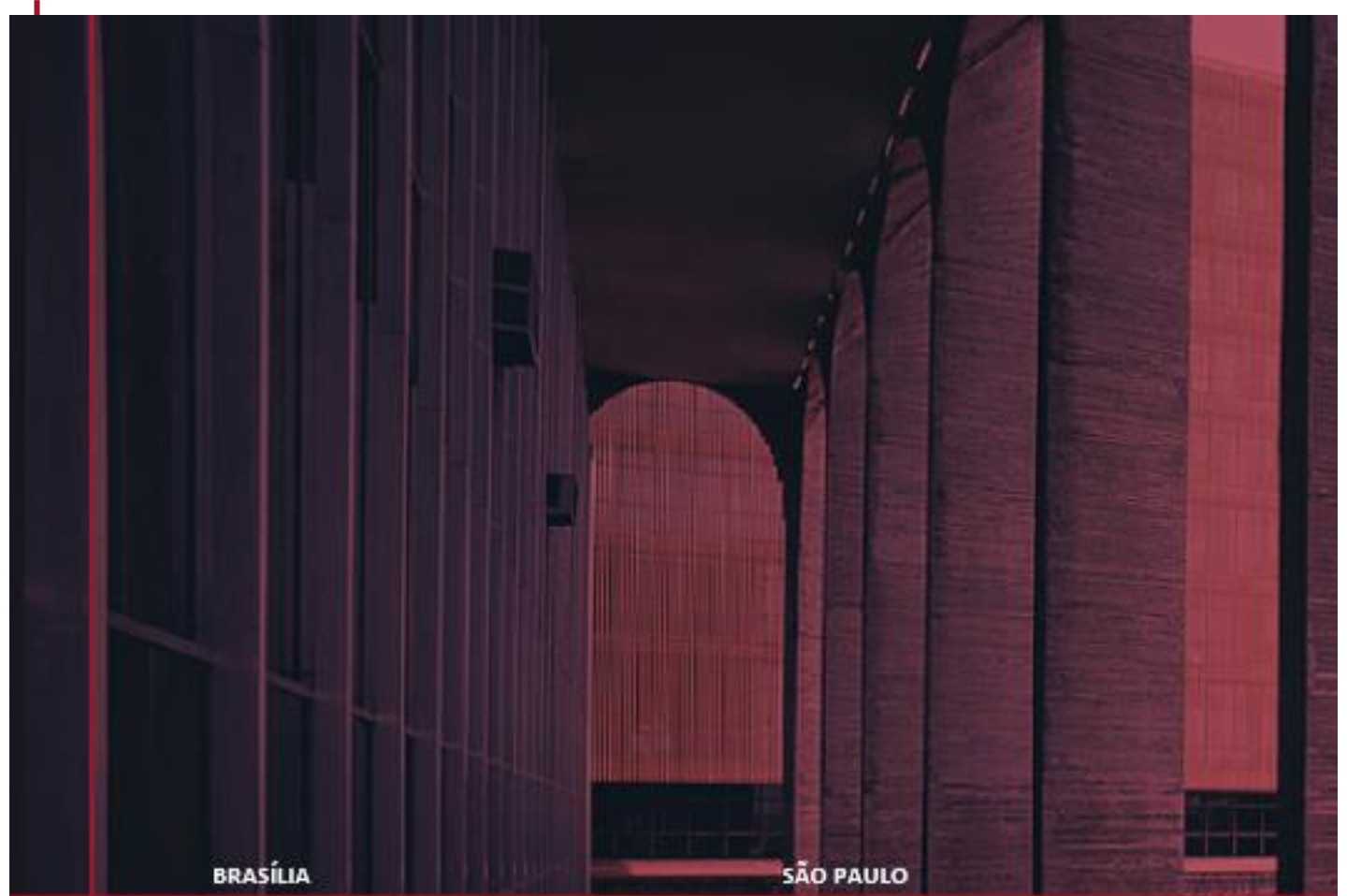
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2,202,189	6,330	-	5,963	46.33%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Health seeks to vaccinate over 100,000 children under five years of age with basic vaccination scheme that saw delays due to the pandemic. Ministry of Health to set in motion a plan to resume non-COVID treatments throughout the country. National Health Institute strengthens molecular diagnosis for COVID-19 in six regions. While Delta variant of COVID-19 shows slight decrease, Mu variant raises concerns.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination against COVID-19 for teenagers between 15 and 17 years of age underway. Ministry of Health issues guidelines for booster shots for senior citizens. Over 750,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines were received in the past week.
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of Emergency extended until November 30th. Minister of Interior faces possibility of dismissal after holding an event despite sanitary restrictions. President Castillo authorizes Military forces to provide support to Police forces in Lima and Callao for 30 days. Polls shows bleak outlook for President Castillo. Datum highlights that 49% of Peruvians believe that Castillo doesn't take decisions and 65% believe he is not doing enough to boost private growth. IEP highlights considerable loss of approval among young people.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Castillo requests expanded powers to submit a fiscal reform to increase fiscal collection. Rise in price of fertilizer is expected to impact basic food basket. President Castillo calls on Congress to nationalize gas from Camisea oil field.
	Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business representatives from the Mining industry call on the government to take action against ongoing protests. Largest copper investor has announced a cease in operations due to blockades.

URUGUAY

TOTAL CASES	TOTAL DEATHS	RECOVERED	DEATHS PER MILLION	FULLY VACCINATED
394,053	6,080	385,687	1,742	75.22%

Government Measures	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two departments worsened their COVID19 situation and moved to the orange level in the Harvard Index. Ministry of Health promotes legal amendment to equalize penalties for alcohol and cocaine use in traffic.
	Vaccine Rollout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The country will purchase 3.7 million Pfizer vaccines for supply in 2022.
	Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government introduced new support measures for socially vulnerable sectors. The limit on income from formal employment for family allowances will be eliminated and foster care allowances will be granted. Government decided not to raise fuel prices in November.
	Country opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The country opened its borders to tourism and more than 3,000 people entered the country on the first day, local press reported. Due to increase in cases, music festival postponed, and classes suspended in some departments
Outlook	Political	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electoral Court validated more than 505,000 signatures. Final decision on whether to call referendum against the Urgent Consideration Law (LUC) will be known in November. Chamber of Representatives gave final approval to the accountability bill. It was approved only by the ruling coalition votes. Government coalition launched a spot campaign to defend the Urgent Consideration Law, local press reported.



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