

Brazilian protesters call for Bolsonaro's impeachment over handling virus



Brasilia, July 15 (RHC)-- Protesters descended on Brazil's capital on Tuesday, chanting "Bolsonaro out!" in a call for the impeachment of right-wing Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro. The protest was attended by some 150 people from left-wing political parties as well as indigenous rights groups.

Protesters severely criticized the president's handling of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic in Brazil.

"There have been more than 70,000 deaths, more than 70,000 families crying over the deaths of people that were ignored and scorned by the genocidal person in charge of the Brazilian government," said protester Claudia Lima.

Bolsonaro himself tested positive for the novel coronavirus on Tuesday (July 7) last week, after coming down with a fever. By Wednesday (July 8), he said he was already doing very well, crediting his use of the anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine — unproven for treating coronavirus — for his mild symptoms.

Brazil is the second-worst hit country by the global coronavirus pandemic after the United States.

On Tuesday, the Health Ministry registered 20,286 new confirmed cases of the disease, bringing the cumulative total cases to nearly 1.9 million, while more than 72,000 people have died from the virus in Brazil.

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