

Out Bolsonaro... a repeated demand



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Agitated, controversial and widely questioned has been the mandate of Jair Bolsonaro since he assumed the presidency of Brazil in January 2019.

In recent times there has been a constant demand from a large part of the citizenry for him to leave office due to his dismal management before COVID 19, his irresponsible actions and statements on the subject and his environmental, economic and social policies.

This weekend the South American country was once again the scene of demonstrations against the president. Out with Bolsonaro is a cry that has been repeated and has been going around Brazil for months.

The last mobilizations were led by women, under the slogan "Bolsonaro never again". The participants pointed out that it is impossible to coexist with a government that destroys life and human rights every day.

With more than 600 thousand deaths due to COVID-19, Brazil is the country with the second worst death toll in the world, only preceded by the United States. In fact, the demonstrators criticized the bad management and the irresponsible attitude of the president towards the disease caused by the new coronavirus, which he underestimated since his arrival in that territory in 2020.

Various political, social, trade union and human rights organizations joined the demonstrations, which also denounced the dismantling by the current government of public policies that had been generating important social advances, with special impact on women.

But the popular protests are not the only difficulties faced by the tenant of the Planalto Palace. His controversial and unbelievable statements on COVID 19 vaccines, which he has now associated with AIDS, have led the Federal Supreme Court to order a new investigation against him for spreading false news.

In a video, removed by social networks, Bolsonaro refers to alleged reports by the British government about a rapid development of AIDS in people fully vaccinated against the coronavirus.

The president's statements were denied by the London authorities and the Brazilian Society of Infectology, among other medical organizations.

In addition, last October, the Senate Commission that investigated the COVID-19 crisis in the South American nation recommended that the head of state be impeached for his administration. The final report accuses him of 9 different crimes, including crimes against humanity.

Already against Bolsonaro, the highest court has open investigations on an attempt of fraudulent purchase of the Indian vaccine Covaxin and others related to the electoral system.

The performance of Bolsonaro, who in the first three months of his mandate was already described as one of the most unpopular presidents in the history of the country, is negatively evaluated by a large part of the citizenry. Today, more than 53% of Brazilians consider his performance as head of government to be terrible.

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