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LATEST NEWS

Brazil lawmakers' trip to China stirs anger

<https://www.france24.com/en/20190118-brazil-lawmakers-trip-china-stirs-anger>

18 January 2019, *France 24*

Abstract:

A trip to China by lawmakers from Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's party has stirred anger in the far-right leader's entourage, partly because of his wariness of the Asian power but also because of the group's stated mission.

EMERGING MARKETS-Brazil real, Chile peso slip after weak China data

<https://www.reuters.com/article/emerging-markets-latam/emerging-markets-brazil-real-chile-peso-slip-after-weak-china-data-idUSL1N1ZE0EN>

14 January 2019, *Reuters*

Abstract:

Brazil's real dropped to its lowest in a week on Monday and the Chilean peso weakened in line with other emerging markets currencies as dismal trade data from China deepened fears of slowing global growth.

China Dec Soybean Imports Plunge 40% as U.S. Trade War Curbs Buying

<https://www.agriculture.com/markets/newswire/update-1-china-dec-soybean-imports-plunge-40-pct-as-us-trade-war-curbs-buying>

13 January 2019, *Successful Farming*

Abstract:

China's December soybean imports plunged 40.1 percent from a year earlier, customs data showed on Monday, as it cut purchases from the United States, its second-largest supplier, because of the trade war between the two countries.

Chinese business investment in Brazil falls by 75% in 2018

<https://macauhub.com.mo/2019/01/11/pt-investimento-de-empresas-da-china-no-brasil-cai-75-em-2018/>

11 January 2019, *Macauhub*

Abstract:

The investment made by Chinese companies in Brazil in 2018 fell by 75.5% to US\$2.761 billion, the Brazilian Ministry of Planning, Development and Management said in Brasilia.

Brazil Soy Crop Forecast Cut to 116.9 Million Tons Amid Dry Spell

<https://www.agriculture.com/markets/newswire/update-1-brazil-soy-crop-view-cut-to-1169-million-tonnes-amid-dry-spell-agrural>

9 January 2019, *Successful Farming*

Abstract:

Brazil's 2018/19 soybean crop forecast was cut to 116.9 million tons on Wednesday from 121.4 million tons late in November, said consultancy AgRural, blaming extreme heat and a dry spell in southern areas for the smaller projection.

RECENT BACKGROUND

When It Comes to Soy, China Is Getting More Out of the Trade Truce

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-01-17/when-it-comes-to-soy-china-is-getting-more-from-the-trade-truce>

17 January 2019, *Bloomberg*

Abstract:

“While both Chinese buyers and U.S. farmers are casualties of tit-for-tat tariffs, the truce initially was seen as a major boon for American suppliers, with expectations of about 10 million metric tons in Chinese purchases. But China is said to have bought about half that amount and, by dipping its toe back into the U.S. market, it not only generated goodwill for the trade talks, it also managed to lower the premium for soy from Brazil, its other major supplier.”

The Belt, the Road, and Latin America

<https://www.fpri.org/article/2019/01/the-belt-the-road-and-latin-america/>

16 January 2019, *Foreign Policy Research Institute*

Abstract:

“Given the impressive rise of the People’s Republic of China to the world’s second largest economy—first, by some measures—and the difficulties that many LAC countries were experiencing, it is hardly surprising that [Foreign Minister] Wang’s offer was greeted with enthusiasm. If brought to completion, the integration of the LAC region into BRI would comprise 65 percent of the world’s population and 40 percent of global GDP.”

Trade war, sick hogs make China soy purchases hard to predict: Braun

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-soybeans-braun/trade-war-sick-hogs-make-china-soy-purchases-hard-to-predict-braun-idUSKCN1PA2EM>

16 January 2019, *Reuters*

Abstract:

“As the global soybean situation navigates uncharted waters, traders are left to figure out exactly how the world’s largest soybean consumer will drive demand in the coming months.”

China needs a new strategy to deal with Brazil's new right-wing president

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/2181854/china-needs-new-strategy-deal-brazils-new-right-wing-president>

13 January 2019, *South China Morning Post*

Abstract:

Gustavo Oliveira writes that while Jair Bolsonaro campaigned on an anti-China platform, Beijing still has reasons, many of them trade-related, to maintain good relations. China's government can deal pragmatically with the new administration, and the Communist Party can strengthen ties with the Brazilian left.

Why the CPTPP could be the answer to the US-China trade war

<https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/opinion/article/2181369/why-cptpp-could-be-answer-us-china-trade-war>

11 January 2019, *South China Morning Post*

Abstract:

“China’s joining could ease tensions with the US, accelerate growth, diversify markets and modernize the country. What’s not to like?”

The contradictions of Brazil's foreign policy

<https://www.economist.com/the-americas/2019/01/12/the-contradictions-of-brazils-foreign-policy>

10 January 2019, *The Economist*

Abstract:

The new foreign minister is putting the country's soft power at risk.

U.S.-China Trade Fight Shakes Global Economy, but Isn't All Bad for Bystanders

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-china-trade-fight-shakes-global-economy-but-isnt-all-bad-for-bystanders-11547116203>

10 January 2019, *The Wall Street Journal*

Abstract:

Countries watching the U.S.-China trade talks from the sidelines are anxious for the two sides to reach a deal and avert the damage a protracted fight poses to the global economy—even if many see the potential to benefit from the dispute.

An environmental agenda for Brazil and China

<https://dialogochino.net/18534-an-environmental-agenda-for-brazil-and-china/>

9 January 2019, *Diálogo Chino*

Abstract:

In a multipolar world, China and Brazil can pursue a path that brings prosperity and sustainability.

China and Latin America: A relationship transformed

<https://www.chinadialogue.net/article/show/single/en/11013-China-and-Latin-America-A-relationship-transformed>

9 January 2019, *China Dialogue*

Abstract:

As China's influence grows through infrastructure and media deals, the new-look Diálogo Chino is essential reading, writes Isabel Hilton.

2019: Trends, risks and hard questions in Latin America

<https://theglobalamericans.org/2019/01/2019-trends-risks-and-hard-questions-in-latin-america/>

8 January 2019, *Global Americans*

Abstract:

“As the states of the Western Hemisphere move into 2019, unresolved reinforcing challenges of organized crime, weak governance and extra-hemispheric actors threaten to create instability and gravely erode the position of the U.S. in the region, even as its political pendulum oscillates temporarily toward the right.”

US-China: farmers count the cost of the trade war

<https://www.ft.com/content/93a21e84-0f55-11e9-a3aa-118c761d2745>

7 January 2019, *Financial Times*

Abstract:

America's soybean exports to the world's biggest market have all but disappeared, leaving farmers dependent on a \$12bn bailout.