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LATEST NEWS

Brazil March soy exports seen down on U.S. competition, farmer hoarding

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-soy-exports/brazil-march-soy-exports-seen-down-on-u-s-competition-farmer-hoarding-idUSKCN1QI5D2>

1 March 2019, *Reuters*

Abstract:

Brazil's soybean exports are expected to fall in March due to U.S. competition, farmer hoarding of beans due to low prices and forecasts for lower output in the world's top exporter of the oilseeds, according to market participants and shipping data.

Venezuela: US resolution vetoed by Russia, China at UN Security Council

<https://www.dw.com/en/venezuela-us-resolution-vetoed-by-russia-china-at-un-security-council/a-47734238>

1 March 2019, *Deutsche Welle*

Abstract:

Russia blocked a US resolution on Venezuela in the UN, claiming the document was “written for regime change.”

China eyes long-term food processing deals in Brazil: Chinese official

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-china-trade/china-eyes-long-term-food-processing-deals-in-brazil-chinese-official-idUSKCN1QG2M3>

27 February 2019, *Reuters*

Abstract:

The Chinese government is looking to boost its presence in the Brazilian food processing sector and reach agreements on joint food safety controls that would allow for long-term supply deals between the countries, a Chinese official said on Wednesday.

China builds Latin America's largest solar plant

<https://dialogochino.net/23529-china-builds-latin-americas-largest-solar-plant/>

22 February 2019, *Diálogo Chino*

Abstract:

What does an Argentine mega-project say about China's interest in investing in solar globally?

Chinese companies to compete for Brazilian bridge project

<https://in.reuters.com/article/brazil-infrastructure-bridge/chinese-companies-to-compete-for-brazilian-bridge-project-idINKCN1Q71ED>

18 February 2019, *Reuters India*

Abstract:

China Communications Construction Co (CCCC) is preparing to bid on a 5.3-billion-reais (\$1.42 billion) bridge project in Brazil, a source with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters on Monday.

Quick to Reject Maduro, Brazil Now Treads Softly on Venezuela

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-02-16/quick-to-reject-maduro-brazil-now-treads-softly-on-venezuela>

16 February 2019, *Bloomberg*

Abstract:

Diplomatic recognition of Guaidó already seen as big push; Brazil benefits from cheap electricity from Venezuela.

RECENT BACKGROUND

Chinese-Latin American Relations Increase Mafia Presence

<https://dialogo-americas.com/en/articles/chinese-latin-american-relations-increase-mafia-presence>

1 March 2019, *Diálogo Americas*

Abstract:

Chinese criminal groups in Latin America are involved in human trafficking, narco trafficking, business extortion, corruption, and counterfeiting of goods.

China is challenging U.S. power by buying up ports around the world

https://news.vice.com/en_us/article/zmawm8/china-is-challenging-us-power-by-buying-up-ports-around-the-world

28 February 2019, *VICE News*

Abstract:

While the Trump administration has been focused on trade wars, China has found another way to challenge U.S. power – by using its signature overseas development policy, “The Belt and Road Initiative,” to advance military interests, especially on the high seas.

Brazil's Farmers Seen Losing Out as U.S.-China Trade Deal Looms

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-02-27/brazil-s-farmers-seen-losing-as-u-s-china-trade-deal-looms>

27 February 2019, *Bloomberg*

Abstract:

After years of high prices, Brazil soy margins may go negative; owner of nation's biggest oilseed grower comments in interview.

How Latin America Factors Into the US-China Rivalry

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/02/how-latin-america-factors-into-the-us-china-rivalry/>

27 February 2019, *The Diplomat*

Abstract:

Chinese investments and technology are proving a powerful lure for Latin American countries.

Is China scaling back Latin America loans?

<https://dialogochino.net/24019-is-china-scaling-back-latin-america-loans/>

26 February 2019, *Diálogo Chino*

Abstract:

New data shows fewest Chinese development loans for a decade and hints at greater risk aversion.

Caught in the middle of Venezuela's power struggle, a worried China weighs its options

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/2187031/caught-middle-venezuela-power-struggle-worried-china-weighs>

23 February 2019, *South China Morning Post*

Abstract:

Chinese officials in Caracas and Beijing ponder how to deal with self-declared interim president Juan Guaidó; future of Chinese oil projects in Venezuela and nearly US\$20 billion of unpaid debt at stake.

China and Russia have deep financial ties to Venezuela. Here's what's at stake

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/02/22/china-russia-have-deep-financial-ties-venezuela-heres-whats-stake/?utm_term=.3e707097eeb3

22 February 2019, *The Washington Post*

Abstract:

“Absent from [the list of countries supporting Guaidó] are two countries with major financial interests in Venezuela: China and Russia. It has been a tale of two creditors, each with a concentrated financial exposure to Venezuela yet distinct foreign policy aims. Our research, reflected in two recently published Wilson Center reports, examines these differences in Chinese-Venezuelan and Russian-Venezuelan economic relations...”

China Will Buy More U.S. Soy in 'Good News' for Trade Talks

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-02-22/china-will-buy-more-u-s-soybeans-in-good-news-for-trade-talks>

22 February 2019, *Bloomberg*

Abstract:

USDA says China commits to buying 10 million tons more; 'Show of good faith by the Chinese,' Secretary Perdue tweets.

Soy demand pushes agribusiness to the banks of the Amazon

<https://dialogochino.net/23265-soy-demand-pushes-agribusiness-to-the-banks-of-the-amazon/>

18 February 2019, *Diálogo Chino*

Abstract:

Indigenous people complain of trade route's disruption and fear migratory pressures and pollution.