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## LATEST NEWS

### China Says It's Willing to Seek Trade, Investment Deals With Brazil

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-03-28/china-says-willing-to-seek-trade-investments-deals-with-brazil>

28 March 2019, *Bloomberg*

#### Abstract:

China is open to negotiate trade and investment agreements with Brazil, including a double tax treaty, as part of a broader move to engage the Latin American commodities giant, Beijing's new ambassador in Brasilia said.

## China's Belt and Road Gets a Win in Italy

<https://www.cfr.org/article/chinas-belt-and-road-gets-win-italy>

27 March 2019, *Council on Foreign Relations*

### Abstract:

Chinese President Xi Jinping just returned from a visit to Europe to promote the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China's unprecedented plan to expand its geopolitical reach. As Rome and Beijing signed a major deal on the BRI, several European leaders expressed alarm about the agreement's ability to divide Europe.

## **US-China soy trade war could destroy 13 million hectares of rainforest**

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/mar/27/us-china-soy-tariff-war-could-destroy-13-million-hectares-of-amazon-rainforest>

27 March 2019, *The Guardian*

### **Abstract:**

The Amazon rainforest could be the greatest casualty of the trade war between the United States and China, warns a new study showing how deforestation pressures have surged as a result of the geopolitical jolt in global soy markets.

## China Takes on U.S. Over Venezuela After Russia Sends Troops: It's Not Your 'Backyard'

<https://www.newsweek.com/china-us-venezuela-russia-troops-backyard-1375871>

26 March 2019, *Newsweek*

### Abstract:

China has defended Russia's recent deployment of troops to Venezuela amid U.S. statements suggesting Moscow and Beijing had no right to support a Latin American government disavowed by Washington.

## Finance Meeting in China Canceled Over Venezuela Dispute, Sources Say

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-03-23/finance-meeting-in-china-said-to-be-canceled-over-venezuela-row>

22 March 2019, *Bloomberg*

### Abstract:

The Inter-American Development Bank canceled a meeting set to be held in China next week after the nation refused to allow representatives of Venezuela's opposition to participate, according to people familiar with the matter.

## **Bolsonaro gets Trump's praise but few concessions, riling Brazilians**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-brazil-negotiations-analysis/bolsonaro-gets-trumps-praise-but-few-concessions-riling-brazilians-idUSKCN1R12IO>

20 March 2019, *Reuters*

### **Abstract:**

Brazil's right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro won glowing praise and conditional promises from U.S. President Donald Trump on his visit to the White House this week, yet Brazilian negotiators came away grumbling about their hosts driving a hard bargain.



## **Brazil's Guedes Says Country will Trade with Both U.S. and China**

<https://riotimesonline.com/brazil-news/rio-business/brazils-guedes-says-country-will-trade-with-both-u-s-and-china/>

19 March 2019, *The Rio Times*

### **Abstract:**

The Minister stated that strengthening economic ties with the U.S. would not mean Brazil would be turning its back on other important partners, such as China.

## RECENT BACKGROUND

### China acknowledges Latin American human rights pleas

<https://dialogochino.net/25431-china-acknowledges-latin-american-human-rights-pleas/>

29 March 2019, *Diálogo Chino*

#### Abstract:

Cautious civil society groups will monitor China's acceptance of rights recommendations lodged at UN forum.

## US becoming 'lone ranger' containing China

<https://www.asiatimes.com/2019/03/opinion/us-becoming-lone-ranger-containing-china/>

29 March 2019, *Asia Times*

### Abstract:

The US quest to “contain” China is becoming a lonely one, and for good reasons. Pressuring allies to bar Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei from their fifth-generation (5G) networks could set back their telecom architecture by at least a year or two and cost them billions of dollars. Preventing allies from joining China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is to demand that they ignore their national interests.

## **Put your money where your mouth is: The Trump Administration in the Caribbean**

<https://theglobalamericans.org/2019/03/put-your-money-where-your-mouth-is-the-trump-administration-in-the-caribbean/>

28 March 2019, *Global Americans*

### **Abstract:**

On March 22, 2019, U.S. President Donald Trump met with the leaders of five Caribbean nations—Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, the Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic—at his resort in Mar-a-Lago. Although there are a number of pressing problems facing the Caribbean, the U.S. president set the agenda. As a result, a potentially important summit revolved around two issues: Chinese involvement in the Caribbean Basin and the Caribbean position on the on-going Venezuela crisis.

## **Caribbean Islands becoming hot spots for Chinese investment**

<https://www.rollcall.com/news/congress/caribbean-islands-becoming-hot-spots-for-chinese-investment>

25 March 2019, *Roll Call*

### **Abstract:**

“While the White House is focused on a trade war, Beijing has hardly skipped a beat with its global ambitions. Its investments and leadership in the Caribbean bring the Chinese presence to the U.S. doorstep in what could be another turf war in the growing rivalry between Beijing and Washington.”

## **The strengths and pitfalls of China's Belt and Road Initiative, six years in**

<https://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/united-states/article/3002905/strengths-and-pitfalls-chinas-belt-and-road>

25 March 2019, *South China Morning Post*

### **Abstract:**

The belt and road is changing shape, making inroads into Europe, the Pacific and Latin America. Beijing is increasingly willing to fund projects that symbolise the country's resurgence, but it should be wary of using economic might to sway policy.

## **Should China be worried about Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's bromance with Donald Trump?**

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3002734/should-china-be-worried-about-brazilian-president-jair>

21 March 2019, *South China Morning Post*

### **Abstract:**

Leader of Latin America's largest economy says he wants closer ties with Washington, but analysts say he is unlikely to burn economic bridges with Beijing; Bolsonaro confirms plans to visit China this year, but details of trip have yet to be agreed.

## **Brazil will prioritize its interest, not US' on Huawei**

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1142718.shtml>

19 March 2019, *Global Times*

### **Abstract:**

A new front has opened in Washington's campaign against telecoms giant Huawei as media reports have said US officials warned their Brazilian counterparts of their security concerns about the Chinese company.