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## LATEST NEWS

### **Trump declares U.S. emergency as coronavirus chaos spreads**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus/trump-declares-u-s-emergency-as-coronavirus-chaos-spreads-idUSKBN2100CH>

*13 March 2020, Reuters*

#### **Abstract:**

U.S. President Donald Trump declared a national emergency over the quickly spreading coronavirus on Friday, opening the door to more federal aid to combat a disease that has infected over 138,000 people worldwide and left more than 5,000 dead.

## **U.S. summons Chinese envoy over Beijing's coronavirus comments**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-china-diplomacy/u-s-summons-chinese-envoy-over-beijings-coronavirus-comments-idUSKBN2102XW>

*13 March 2020, Reuters*

### **Abstract:**

The U.S. State Department summoned the Chinese ambassador to the United States on Friday to protest against comments by Beijing suggesting the U.S. military might have brought the coronavirus to Wuhan, as tensions between the two global powers over the outbreak intensified.

## Brazil cuts growth forecast

<https://www.macaubusiness.com/brazil-cuts-growth-forecast/>

*12 March 2020, Macau Business*

### **Abstract:**

Brazil slashed its economic growth forecast for 2020 Wednesday over the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on Latin America's biggest economy, which is closely tied to China's.

## **Brazil's Bolsonaro tested for coronavirus, but has no symptoms: son**

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-china-brazil-bolsonaro/brazils-bolsonaro-tested-for-coronavirus-but-has-no-symptoms-son-idUSKBN20Z3BK>

*12 March 2020, Reuters*

### **Abstract:**

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro has been tested for coronavirus and is awaiting the result, though he is not showing any symptoms of the virus, his son Eduardo wrote on Twitter.

## Latin America steps up measures against coronavirus spread

<https://ticotimes.net/2020/03/12/latin-america-steps-up-measures-against-coronavirus-spread>

*12 March 2020, The Tico Times*

### Abstract:

Latin American countries stepped up measures to slow the advance of the coronavirus Wednesday, announcing a slew of restrictions on travelers from the worst-affected countries and shutting down major sports events.

## **USDA forecasts a record Brazilian soybean output for 2019-20**

<https://www.spglobal.com/platts/en/market-insights/latest-news/agriculture/031120-us-da-forecasts-a-record-brazilian-soybean-output-for-2019-20>

11 March 2020, S&P Global

### **Abstract:**

Brazil's soybean production in the 2019-20 crop year (September-August) is forecast to reach an all-time high of 126 million mt, up 8%, year on year, and 1% higher than the February estimate, on favorable weather across the country, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, or USDA.

## RECENT BACKGROUND

### **Global market rout ratchets up amid pandemic fears, recession anxieties**

[http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off\\_the\\_Wire/2020-03/13/content\\_75811156.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/world/Off_the_Wire/2020-03/13/content_75811156.htm)

*13 March 2020, China.org.cn*

#### **Abstract:**

“The global financial market was spooked once again shortly after the world witnessed “bloodshed” in stocks and oil prices across major countries since “Black Monday,” falling on track for its worst week on record, as panic over the novel coronavirus mounts and recession worries loom large.”

## Travel bans put global economy on the verge

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1182560.shtml>

*13 March 2020, Global Times*

### **Abstract:**

“US-prompted chaotic responses to COVID-19 hamper interconnectivity.”

## **Under fire over coronavirus response, China turns to a familiar fall guy: Trump**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/under-fire-over-coronavirus-response-china-turns-to-a-familiar-fall-guy-trump/2020/03/13/bb324c84-64d2-11ea-8a8e-5c5336b32760\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/under-fire-over-coronavirus-response-china-turns-to-a-familiar-fall-guy-trump/2020/03/13/bb324c84-64d2-11ea-8a8e-5c5336b32760_story.html)

*13 March 2020, The Washington Post*

### **Abstract:**

“Just as Chinese leader Xi Jinping took to the stage at Davos in 2017 to espouse free markets and globalization – portraying himself as a direct counterpoint to the protectionist new American president – now Beijing is seeking to portray the Party under his direction as the magnanimous global leader in fighting the coronavirus.”

## **Chinese electric vehicle giant BYD expands in Brazil**

<https://dialogochino.net/en/climate-energy/34267-chinese-electric-vehicle-giant-byd-expands-in-brazil/>

*12 March 2020, Diálogo Chino*

### **Abstract:**

“Chinese company opens battery plant, boosts bus fleet and aspires to lead solar panel production.”

## **Don't Despair. China Isn't Going Away Anytime Soon**

<https://www.chinalawblog.com/2020/03/dont-despair-china-isnt-going-away-anytime-soon.html>

*12 March 2020, China Law Blog*

### **Abstract:**

“When I say there is a good path forward in doing business with China, I am not saying it will be an easy path forward – only that doing business in and with China is a viable path forward and though it will certainly have its ascents and descents (as it always has) that path has an upward trajectory.”

## **China's aggressive measures have slowed the coronavirus. They may not work in other countries**

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/03/china-s-aggressive-measures-have-slowed-coronavirus-they-may-not-work-other-countries>

*2 March 2020, AAAS*

### **Abstract:**

‘...“China’s bold approach to contain the rapid spread of this new respiratory pathogen has changed the course of a rapidly escalating and deadly epidemic,” it says. “This decline in COVID-19 cases across China is real.”

“The question now is whether the world can take lessons from China’s apparent success—and whether the massive lockdowns and electronic surveillance measures imposed by an authoritarian government would work in other countries.”