

13 sep 21 - In 2020, Brazil ranks 4th in environmentalists murdered

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[According to a new report by Global Witness Brazil was the fourth deadliest country in the world for environmental and land rights activists. in 2020.](#) Of the 277 lethal attacks in the period, 165 took place in Latin America, 20 of them in Brazil. Although the NGO highlights the likely underreporting of cases, this is the highest overall number since the [survey](#) began in 2012.

[In Brazil, the violence was concentrated in the Amazon, the report indicates.](#) Around 75% of the attacks occurred in the region, especially against indigenous people. Among them is Ari Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau, who worked denouncing illegal way extractors and was found dead with signs of torture on April 18, 2020, in the municipality of Jarú, state of Rondônia. [The case remains unsolved.](#)

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The Bolsonaro administration has prioritized extractive industries in the Amazon and Cerrado regions, and indigenous rights organizations and six Brazilian political parties have claimed that the Bolsonaro government's mismanagement of COVID-19 could lead to a 'genocide' of Brazil's indigenous peoples, the NGO said on its website.