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In June, the Amazon had the highest rate of deforestation alerts for the month since the beginning of the National Institute for Space Research (Inpe) monitoring in 2015. According to data from Deter, the institution's monitoring program, 1,120 km² of forest were ravaged, an increase of 5.5% compared to deforestation in 2021 and 7.4% higher than in 2020. The total deforestation for the semester was also a record. In the first six months of the year, four registered historic records of devastation: January (430.44 km²), February (198.67 km²), April (1,1026.35 km²) and June. For experts, the numbers should continue to rise throughout the year. “The deforestation alerts for 2022 show that impunity continues to be the greatest vector of pressure against the forest and its peoples. In an election year this becomes even more worrisome, since enforcement efforts usually decrease and the sense of impunity increases, leaving criminals more at ease to advance on the forest,” stated Ane Alencar, Science Director of the Amazon Environmental Research Institute (IPAM) and expert on fire in the Amazon.