

Bolsonaro Denounced Before International Criminal Court

For his part, Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro blames Leonardo DiCaprio for fires in the Amazon.

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The Brazilian Bar Association for Human Rights and the Arns Commission on Wednesday denounced [President Jair Bolsonaro](#) formally for “crimes against humanity” and incitement to genocide of the Amazon indigenous peoples.

This complaint was filed before the International Criminal Court in The Hague, an institution created in 2002 that has already tried several war criminals.

Among other things, human rights lawyers indicated that the Brazilian president did not act promptly to stop “environmental crimes” in the Amazon basin.

Within this globally important ecosystem, deforestation has grown by 29.5 percent due to the clearing of forests and premeditated fires in which far-right militias would have participated.

“In Brazil, we don’t find an efficient way to prosecute Bolsonaro,” explained Jose Carlos Dias, the director of the Arns Commission, which was created in honor of the late Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns who protected hundreds of Argentineans, Uruguayans, and Chileans activists during the dictatorships.

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“The Amazon burns. However, whoever puts out the fire is imprisoned.” The meme at the bottom contains two press clippings that say, “‘I want those bums of the Landless Movement killed,’ Bolsonaro says.” “‘Two members of the Landless Movement are shot dead by two hooded men in a camp,’ the Military Police says.”

Meanwhile, far-right President on Friday accused the U.S. actor Leonardo DiCaprio of paying money to promote fires in the Amazon.

“Leonardo Dicaprio is a cool guy, isn’t he? Giving money to set the Amazon on fire,” Bolsonaro told his supporters who were gathered in front of the government headquarters.

The far-right president thus resumed his attacks against human rights defenders and environmental activists whom he accuses of being responsible for this year’s fires in the Amazon.

Once again, however, he did not offer any proof of his accusations. He just spoke wryly about them.

“They take a picture and send it to an NGO. Then the NGO spreads it and contacts Leonardo DiCaprio, and he makes a US\$500,000 donation to that NGO. Leonardo DiCaprio, you are collaborating with the fires in the Amazon,” Bolsonaro said.

The Brazilian president’s comments follow a police raid against two environmental organizations that work in the Amazonian state of Para.

“Several volunteer firefighters were arrested and later released. Local police say they are being investigated for allegedly igniting fires to obtain funding,” Central Maine reported.

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