

Brazil rejects G-7 Amazon aid amid mounting environmental disaster



Brasilia, August 27 (RHC)-- Brazil is rejecting a pledge by G-7 nations to provide \$22 million to help combat the raging Amazon wildfires. On Monday, Brazil's far-right President Jair Bolsonaro accused French President Emmanuel Macron and other G-7 world leaders of treating Brazil like a "colony or no-man's land."

Bolsonaro's chief of staff suggested the funds could be used for reforestation in Europe instead. He also said Macron had no place intervening after he failed to prevent a destructive fire earlier this year that burned down a large part of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Many have called out the G-7 for not putting nearly enough resources toward the mounting disaster, with some noting that \$1 billion was raised within just two days of the Notre-Dame Cathedral fire.

The dispute between Presidents Bolsonaro and Macron took a personal turn after Bolsonaro commented on an image posted by a supporter on Facebook, suggesting Macron was jealous of Bolsonaro because his wife is 30 years younger than French first lady Brigitte Macron.

Bolsonaro's comment expressed amusement and read: "Do not embarrass the guy." President Macron called the comment "incredibly disrespectful."

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