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Brasilia, November16 (PL)-- Brazilian soccer star Neymar Jr. was ruled out of his national team due to muscle discomfort for Tuesday's match against Argentina, corresponding to the South American qualifiers for the Qatar 2022 World Cup.

The French PSG striker complained of pain in the adductor muscle region of the left thigh after training in Sao Paulo.

In view of the facts, "the technical committee opted to preserve the player who will not travel with the delegation," the Brazilian Football Confederation said in a statement.

The Brazilian delegation, now composed of 22 players, will not have a practice of field reconnaissance before the match at the Bicentenario Stadium, in the Argentine city of San Juan.

Neymar Jr. was a starter in all the training sessions in preparation for the match against the Albiceleste and now coach Adenor Leonardo Bacchi (Tite) will have to look for a replacement among Vinicius Junior, who will be in the starting lineup.

Vinicius Junior, Antony and Gabriel Jesus.

The probable lineup of the Verdeamarela to face Lionel Messi's Argentina is as follows: Alisson; Danilo, Marquinhos, Éder Militão and Alex Sandro; Fabinho and Fred; Raphinha, Matheus Cunha, Philippe Coutinho (Vinicius Jr.) and Lucas Paquetá.

Brazil has qualified for the World Cup in Qatar with 11 wins and one draw in 12 matches, which is six games in advance.

For Tite, the classic against Argentina will serve as a "projection of the Cup" because of the level of the opponent.

On Wednesday, Neymar Jr. will travel to Paris to prepare for PSG's vital European Champions League match against Manchester City on November 24. The French side have yet to qualify for the round of 16.

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