# **Brazilian President Lula Starts Work On Amazon Deforestation, Launches Logging Raids**

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Anti-illegal logging raids led by the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA), in Brazil started on Thursday. President Lula da Silva has soughtto fulfilhis many promises to stop the ***deforestation*** of the ***Amazon*** rainforest and increase the rights and protections of indigenous tribes in the area.

IBAMAenvironmental enforcement coordinator Tatiane Leite said that the agency was launching anti-illegal logging raids in the states of Roraima, Acre, and Para as a sustained effort to reduce the amount of illegal logging being done by loggersand ranchers in the ***Amazon***, according to Climate Home News[1].

Agents and federal police went with reporters to the state of Para, where they found five different areas in the Cachoeira Seca indigenous reserve that appeared to have been burned and deforested around October of last year. Four of them, in the process of being turned into ranches, were reportedly abandoned after Lula was elected President.

Another area was reportedly found with a newly-built house as well as chainsaws, other equipment, and even stocks of food. Agents believed that there were people in that area before they fled just before IBAMA's arrival to escape.

Lula largely was able to win Brazil's presidency on the backs of environmentalists and indigenous people, promising to stop the ***deforestation*** of the ***Amazon*** and expand the rights and lands of indigenous tribes in the country, the Associated Press[2] reported.

One of the ways he has been able to do so was to appoint individuals from indigenous tribes in high government positions focused on their affairs.Joenia Wapichana was appointed the head of National Indian Foundation or Funai, which carries out the policies for indigenous tribes as well as for the ***Amazon*** rainforest.

Beyond that, he is also planning on signing a decree to revitalize the ***Amazon*** Fund, which was gutted during the presidency of Jair Bolsonaro. He has also created the new--Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, focused on the welfare and needs of indigenous people in the country.'It won't be easy to overcome 504 years in only four years. But we are willing to use this moment to promote a take-back of Brazil's spiritual force,' Sônia Guajajara, the appointed head of the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, said.

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[ 1]: https://www.climatechangenews.com/2023/01/20/brazil-launches-first-raids-against-***amazon***-tree-cutters-under-lulas-new-government/ [ 2]: https://apnews.com/article/brazil-***amazon***-***deforestation***-indigenous-people-44ae576b9010a8f11795f8b1ad9e5b2d

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