# **Deforestation in the Amazon sets a historical record in February**

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***Deforestation*** in the ***Amazon*** set an all-time record in February, according to data from the National Institute for Space Research (Inpe). The number was the highest since the beginning of the historical series in 2015.

According to Inpe, between the 1st and 24th of last month, 290.75 km² of Legal ***Amazon*** forest were deforested, which is equivalent to the size of the capital city of João Pessoa (Paraíba). The number is 46% higher than in February 2022, when 146.32 km² were deforested.

The state that registered the most ***deforestation*** was Mato Grosso with around 145 km², followed by Pará (45 km²), Amazonas (42 km²), Roraima (31 km²) and Rondônia (24 km²). The record ***deforestation*** was pointed out after a 61% reduction in ***deforestation*** rates in January 2023, compared to the same month in 2022.

At the end of February, in a meeting at Itamaraty, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Marina Silva, attributed the expansion of ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon*** to "a revenge against measures adopted by the government to combat illicit activities in the region". She said that "criminal action has been identified even during the rainy season" and said that the government will relaunch the plan to combat devastation in the ***Amazon*** forest in April.

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