# **In two weeks, deforestation in the Amazon already sets a record for February**

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In just over two weeks, ***deforestation*** in the ***Amazon*** has already broken the record for the month of February since the beginning of the historical series in 2015. Until the 17th, 208.7 km² of forest were lost, an area equivalent to the city of João Pessoa (211 km²).

The alerts were released on Friday (24) by Deter, Inpe system (National Institute for Space Research) that gathers information to combat ***deforestation*** in real time. The data referring to the total for the month of February should be released in two weeks.

Until then, the highest ***deforestation*** figure for February had been registered last year, with 198.6 km² of lost forest.

Considering the partial data, most of the destruction in the month is concentrated in Mato Grosso (129.4 km²), followed by Pará (33.9 km²) and Amazonas (23.1 km²).

The beginning of the year is rainy in the region, which hinders the clearing of vegetation and leads to lower numbers of ***deforestation***, in comparison with other seasons.

The current record comes after a 61% drop that had been registered in January, in comparison with 2022. At the time, specialists pondered that, even though it was good news, the reduction should be seen with caution, since the month had had high cloud cover in the region, which makes monitoring by satellite images difficult.

Due to the way it is prepared and predicts this type of variation, the Deter data is used to analyze trends, which are consolidated every three months. In other words, the numbers that will give a more solid diagnosis about the beginning of this year should only come out at the end of the first quarter.

Since the beginning of 2023, the Deter has already indicated 375.3 km² deforested in the ***Amazon***.

These are the first figures of the new government of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), which has been concentrating its actions in the ***Amazon*** region on fighting the humanitarian crisis of the Yanomami and illegal mining.

On the 15th, the Ministry of Justice and Public Safety announced a program to expand security actions in the ***Amazon***. Named Safer ***Amazon***, the program aims to combat actions such as illegal mining and ***deforestation***.

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