

Card. Hummes: "The church must engage in dialogue with all of the actors who hold interests in the Amazon"



This fall's Synod of Bishops on the Pan-Amazonian Region is already heightening tensions between the Catholic Church in Brazil and the populist, right-wing government of President Jair Bolsonaro. The national newspaper *O Estado de S. Paulo* reported on Feb. 10 that the government believes the gathering of bishops will promote a "leftist agenda." According to the paper, military ministers "see the church as a potential opponent" and intend to "neutralize" eventual critiques to the government during the synod. (...)

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