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**Brazil sends security force to fight deforestation – 13th February, 2020**

## **Level 0**

Brazil's security forces will fight deforestation in the Amazon. The world's largest rainforest is losing too many trees. This could increase in 2020. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January. The Amazon is called "the lungs" of the planet. It is important in changing CO<sub>2</sub> into oxygen.

Police with military training will be in the security force. They find and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in illegal logging in 2019. Regional governments must also change. Some are selling the forest to developers. This is increasing the speed of deforestation. The governments are not replanting enough trees in the jungle.

## **Level 1**

Brazil will use security forces to fight deforestation in the Amazon. Too many trees are being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. Deforestation could increase in 2020. The year has started badly for our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January. Many areas of the Amazon produce more CO<sub>2</sub> than oxygen. The Amazon is called "the lungs" of the planet. It plays a big role in helping the Earth's environment to change CO<sub>2</sub> into oxygen.

The special security force will help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in illegal logging in 2019. Police with military training will work with environmental agency officials. Regional governments also need to change. Some regional governments are selling land to developers. This is increasing the speed of deforestation. To make things worse, the governments are not replanting enough trees in the jungle.

## **Level 2**

Brazil will use its security forces to fight deforestation in the Amazon. It is worried that too many trees are being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. There could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has started badly for our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January compared with January 2019. A new report says many areas of the Amazon produce more CO<sub>2</sub> than oxygen. The Amazon is called "the lungs" of the planet. It plays an important role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO<sub>2</sub> into oxygen.

Brazil's Justice Minister approved the special security force to help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in illegal logging in 2019. Last year, damaging fires also swept across large parts of the rainforest. Police with special military-style training will work with environmental agency officials. Regional governments also need to change. Some regional governments are selling off land to developers. This is increasing the pace of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing little to replant trees in the jungle.

## **Level 3**

Brazil has asked its security forces to help fight deforestation in the Amazon. The Brazilian government is worried that a dangerous level of trees is being cut down in the world's largest rainforest. There are fears that there could be a big increase in deforestation in 2020. The year has already started badly for the trees and our environment. Deforestation in the Amazon doubled in January compared with the same month in 2019. A new report says that many areas of the Amazon produce more CO<sub>2</sub> than oxygen. The reverse is meant to happen. The Amazon is often called "the lungs" of the planet. It plays a vital role in helping the Earth's environment as it changes CO<sub>2</sub> into oxygen.

Brazil's Justice Minister, Sergio Moro, approved the setting up of a special security force to help track down and stop illegal loggers. There was a big increase in the amount of illegal logging in 2019. This happened at the same time as damaging fires that swept across large swathes of the rainforest. The security force will consist of police with special military-style training. They will work with environmental agency officials. Change also needs to come from regional governments. Some governments in the region are selling off land to developers. This is accelerating the pace of deforestation. To make things worse, the regional governments are doing little to replenish the jungle.