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BRAZIL NAVIGATES STRUCTURAL LABOR SHIFTS AND RECORD EMPLOYMENT AMID GLOBAL CLIMATE FRAGILITY AND SHIFTING GEOPOLITICAL ALIGNMENTS - DAY-AT-A-GLANCE REPORT: AUGUST 28, 2026

Defined by domestic reforms, low unemployment, and escalating international environmental and geopolitical volatility.

BRAZIL: DOMESTIC REFORMS & ECONOMIC DYNAMICS

WORK SCHEDULE REFORM PUSH:
TERMINATION OF "6x1" FOR "5x2" MODEL

Aiming for Dignity & Mental Health,

Productivity, Increased Productivity

TAXA DAS BLUSINHAS PROTECTIONISM:
Maintaining Import Taxes to Shield Domestic Retail

RECORD-LOW UNEMPLOYMENT (5.3%)

HISTORIC HOUSING CREDIT MILESTONE

HIGH INFORMALITY (37%) & POTENTIAL OVERHEATING RISKS

GLOBAL: CLIMATE CRISIS & GEOPOLITICAL SHIFTS

CATASTROPHIC GLACIAL COLLAPSE
(Nepal-Tibet Border)
389+ Confirmed Deaths, 1,500+ Missing, Linked to Climate Change & "Glacial Collapse" Risk

US-CANADA FRICTION:
"LAKE AMERICA" RENAMING & TRADE WAR TENSIONS

STRATEGIC ENERGY SECURITY:
US Seeks Access to Venezuelan Oil Reserves

POWER VACUUM & REGIONAL UNCERTAINTY

SVALBARD "DOOMSDAY" VAULT: Global Consensus on Resource Preservation

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS & THEMES

POPULIST PIVOT IN LABOR POLICY
Worker-Centric Legislation ahead of 2026 Elections.
Proponents: Modern Mental Health & Productivity.
Opposition: Costs & Inflationary Pressure.

ENVIRONMENTAL FRAGILITY AS GEOPOLITICAL RISK
Failure of Cross-Border Management.
Climate Change Producing Irreversible Threats to Infrastructure.

TECHNOLOGICAL SOVEREIGNTY IN AGRICULTURE
AI Leveraging for Agricultural Powerhouse Status.
Digitized Agriculture for Food Security.

INTERNAL STABILITY & KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

ELITE CONFLICT & LEGAL WARFARE:
Accusations of Judicial Authoritarianism

POLICE MISCONDUCT & ORGANIZED CRIME:
Arrests of Key Figures (e.g., PCC's "Portuga") & "Fake Police" Units

CLIMATE & EXTREME WEATHER SEVERE HEATWAVE IN SÃO PAULO

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT & RISK ASSESSMENT

SHORT TERM (1-4 Weeks):

Senate Vote on 6x1 Scale Termination. High Fire Risks in Agriculture.

MEDIUM TERM (1-6 Months):

US-Canada Trade Tensions Stabilize. New Ministry of Security Formation in Brazil.

LONG TERM (1-5 Years):

Svalbard-Style Resource Preservation Focus. Biotech Innovations (Nicotine Vaccine).

MAJOR RISKS

GLACIAL DAM FAILURE (High), IRANIAN SUCCESSION CRISIS (Moderate), BRAZILIAN FISCAL OVERREACH (Moderate), CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE VULNERABILITY (High), US-CANADA TRADE COLLAPSE (Low but Rising)

CONCLUSION: The landscape presents several high-impact risks that could rapidly destabilize regional and global order, while Brazil seeks to balance internal reforms with external pressures.

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DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

August 28, 2026, is defined by a convergence of structural domestic reforms in Brazil and escalating global environmental and geopolitical volatility. Domestically, the Brazilian government is aggressively pushing for the **termination of the "6x1" work schedule**, aiming to transition to a **5x2 model** to address labor dignity and mental health, while simultaneously rushing to maintain the "taxa das blusinhas" on international imports to protect domestic retail. These legislative maneuvers occur against a backdrop of **record-low unemployment (5.3%)** and historic levels of housing credit, suggesting a robust but potentially overheating economy characterized by high informality (37%).

Globally, the fragility of the current climate regime is underscored by a **catastrophic glacial collapse** in the Nepal-Tibet border region, resulting in hundreds of confirmed

deaths and over 1,500 missing persons. This event highlights the "glacial collapse" risk that specialists link directly to climate change. Geopolitically, the **Trump administration's transactional foreign policy** is causing friction with traditional allies like Canada—evidenced by the provocative renaming of Lake Ontario to "Lake America"—while seeking strategic energy security through potential **access to Venezuelan oil reserves**. In Iran, a perceived **power vacuum** surrounding the health of the Supreme Leader is generating regional uncertainty and internal legitimacy crises.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

- **Legislative Push for Labor Reform:** The Brazilian Senate is moving toward a vote on [ending the 6x1 work scale](#) in favor of a 5x2 model, citing improved productivity and worker mental health as primary drivers. The proposal is currently being debated in the CCJ (Commission on Constitution and Justice) with a [favorable report](#) by Senator Omar Aziz.
- **Fiscal and Trade Protectionism:** Lawmakers are accelerating the analysis of a [measure to maintain taxes](#) on international purchases up to \$50, commonly known as the "taxa das blusinhas," to prevent its expiration on September 8 and protect local commerce.
- **Nepal-Tibet Glacial Disaster:** A massive [avalanche and dam burst](#) on the China-Nepal border has claimed at least 389 lives, with nearly 1,500 missing, half of whom are foreign tourists. The event, described as a "glacial collapse," has triggered fears of [secondary flooding](#) due to a newly formed lake.

- **Strategic Resource Security:** The US is reportedly negotiating for [permanent access](#) to Venezuelan oil reserves to reduce external vulnerabilities, marking a significant shift in regional energy diplomacy.
- **打击 Organized Crime in Baixada Santista:** Brazilian police arrested [Leandro de Andrade \("Portuga"\)](#), a key associate of PCC leader André do Rap, dealing a significant blow to the narcotics logistics chain operating through the Port of Santos.

KEY GOVERNANCE TOPICS

Armed Conflict & Militarization

- The Russo-Ukrainian conflict continues to spill over into civilian areas, with [38 drone attacks](#) recorded in Kyiv within 24 hours, the highest daily count since 2022.
- Israel's operations in the West Bank remain a point of regional tension, though largely overshadowed by domestic concerns in Brazil.

Climate & Extreme Weather

- Specialists categorize the Nepal disaster as a [glacial collapse](#) driven by global warming, highlighting the increasing instability of mountain ecosystems.
- Brazil is facing a **severe heatwave** in the interior of São Paulo, with temperatures projected to exceed [40 degrees Celsius](#) and humidity falling below 12%.

Geopolitical Competition & Bloc Politics

- US-Canada tensions have escalated into a "trade war," with tariffs reaching 50% and symbolic [territorial renaming](#) by the US administration.

- The appointment of [Daniel Perez](#) as US Ambassador to Brazil remains in limbo, causing a diplomatic spat that led to the revocation of the Brazilian ambassador's visa in Washington.

Leadership Dynamics & Governance

- Speculation regarding the health of Iran's **Ayatollah Khamenei** is creating a [power vacuum](#), as the regime relies on prerecorded messages rather than public appearances.
- In Brazil, the 2026 electoral cycle is heating up with candidates like [Cleitonho Azevedo](#) leading polls for the Minas Gerais governorship.

DEEP DIVE: TRENDS AND THEMES

The Populist Pivot in Labor Policy The aggressive push to end the 6x1 work scale represents a significant thematic shift toward **worker-centric legislation** ahead of the 2026 elections. Proponents argue that the current model is a relic of an industrial era incompatible with modern **mental health requirements** and productivity standards. However, the opposition and retail sectors warn of [increased costs](#) and potential inflationary pressure. This trend suggests a government willing to utilize labor reform as a primary vehicle for public approval, even as it maintains protectionist tariffs on low-cost imports.

Environmental Fragility as a Geopolitical Risk The Nepal disaster is being framed not just as a tragedy, but as a **failure of cross-border environmental management**. The "glacial collapse" indicates that climate change is now producing [irreversible phenomena](#) that threaten vital infrastructure

like hydroelectric dams. The fact that the Svalbard "**Doomsday**" **seed vault** recently received thousands of Brazilian seeds emphasizes a growing global consensus on the need to [preserve genetic resources](#) against a backdrop of imminent environmental or nuclear collapse.

Technological Sovereignty in Agriculture Brazil is increasingly leveraging **Artificial Intelligence** to sustain its status as an agricultural powerhouse. The launch of "Joia," an AI tool by CNA/Senar, provides [real-time technical guidance](#) to small producers, aiming to bridge the gap between high-tech agribusiness and family farming. This movement toward **digitized agriculture** is viewed as essential for maintaining food security and economic stability in a volatile climate.

INTERNAL DYNAMICS & DOMESTIC INSTABILITY

Elite Conflict and Legal Warfare The Brazilian judicial and political landscape is marred by accusations of **authoritarianism in the Supreme Court**, with candidates like [Marcel Van Hattem](#) centering their campaigns on curbing judicial overreach. This partisan polarization is further complicated by the **arrest of high-ranking organized crime figures** and the discovery of "fake police" units using [cloned vehicles](#) to conduct kidnappings, suggesting deep institutional vulnerabilities.

- **Police Misconduct:** Reports of [sexual abuse by PMs](#) in São Paulo against minors have sparked outrage and internal investigations, further eroding public trust in security forces.

- **Labor Unrest:** While not yet a strike, the debate over the [6x1 scale](#) is polarizing the workforce, creating a divide between industrial/retail employers and the service-sector workforce.
- **Public Health Crises:** Rising measles cases in São Paulo due to [low vaccination coverage \(89%\)](#) and a spike in female lung cancer mortality highlight gaps in the state's health mandate.

EXTERNAL DYNAMICS & GLOBAL POSTURE

The Transactionalism of the "Lake America" Era The international system is portrayed as increasingly anarchic and dominated by **bloc-based competition**. The US administration's decision to rename [Lake Ontario](#) is symbolic of a broader "America First" posture that ignores traditional multilateral norms. Brazil finds itself in a reactive position, attempting to secure its interests with a US administration that [refuses to confirm](#) its diplomatic envoys until domestic political conditions align.

- **Energy Statecraft:** US interest in Venezuelan oil is a pragmatic pivot that could [undercut Chinese influence](#) in South America, forcing Brazil to reconsider its regional leadership role.
- **Climate Leadership:** Brazil maintains a paradoxical role—protecting the Amazon (with [falling deforestation rates](#) in indigenous lands) while remaining highly dependent on global commodity prices and facing its own domestic climate shocks.

THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The Brazilian economy exhibits a dual-track reality: **macroeconomic indicators** show

record-breaking performance in employment and credit, but **microeconomic instability** remains high due to informality and rising household debt. The real estate sector is a primary engine of growth, with the national savings bank reaching [R\\$ 1 trillion](#) in housing credit for the first time.

Key Economic Vectors

- **Unemployment:** Historic low of [5.3% for the July quarter](#).
- **Informality:** Persistently high at [37% of the workforce](#).
- **Housing Credit:** Caixa Econômica Federal hit a [R\\$ 1 trillion milestone](#), driven by "Minha Casa, Minha Vida."
- **Corporate Profitability:** Caixa reported a **R\$ 3.3 billion** profit for Q2, a [5.9% increase](#).
- **Commodity Resilience:** Coffee exports from Minas Gerais continue to expand, with special coffees gaining [higher premiums](#) in international markets.
- **Trade Tensions:** US-Canada [tariffs at 50%](#) are disrupting North American supply chains, potentially opening opportunities for Brazilian industrial exports.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Institutional leadership in Brazil and key global players are undergoing significant stress tests, from electoral positioning to health-related power shifts.

- **Leandro de Andrade ("Portuga"):** Arrested as a major [logistics coordinator](#) for the PCC; his removal creates a temporary leadership vacuum in the Santos port drug smuggling route.

- **Daniel Perez:** Nominated as [US Ambassador to Brazil](#); his confirmation is stalled, signaling a freeze in formal high-level US-Brazil diplomacy.
- **Ayatollah Khamenei:** Rumors of [incapacitation](#) suggest a secretive transition phase within the Iranian regime, with high risk for regional miscalculation.
- **Cleitinho Azevedo:** Emerges as the [frontrunner for the Minas Gerais governorship](#) (33%), representing a shift toward right-wing populism in Brazil's second-largest electoral college.

EDITORIAL POSTURE & STORY HIERARCHY

The editorial focus is heavily weighted toward **domestic legislative victories** and **public safety successes**. The "6x1 scale" and "taxa das blusinhas" receive disproportionate airtime, framed as the government "making it work" for both laborers and retailers. The **Nepal tragedy** is used as a stark warning about climate change, reinforcing a narrative of global instability that contrasts with the "controlled" domestic environment. However, the broadcast **minimizes the impact of inflation** on the middle class, despite reporting a [3.4% annualized rate](#) that exceeds the 2% target, choosing instead to celebrate record employment numbers.

GEOPOLITICAL FRAMING

The world is portrayed as a fracturing landscape where traditional alliances are failing and resource competition is king. Brazil is framed as a "competent" but "threatened" actor, balancing its agricultural wealth against deteriorating internal security and a hostile global trade environment.

COUNTRIES

- **United States:** Framed as **aggressive and unilateralist** under the current administration. Quote: "The United States is left a [better place tomorrow](#) than they are today... part of that is the economy."
- **Nepal:** Portrayed as **helpless and chaotic** in the face of climate disaster. Quote: "A [tragedy that still impresses](#)... the dam of a hydroelectric plant did not resist."
- **Iran:** Portrayed as **opaque and unstable**. Quote: "A government [in the shadows](#)... amplifies doubt about who decides."
- **Canada:** Framed as **weak and on the defensive** in the face of US trade aggression.

LEADERS

- **Donald Trump:** Portrayed as **transactional and dominant**, dictating terms to neighbors and allies alike. Quote: "Trump signed a decree that [changes the name](#) of Lake Ontario to Lake America."
- **Lula da Silva:** Framed as a **pragmatic strategist** focused on re-election, prioritizing "blusinha" taxes to maintain retail support. Quote: "Lula tries a [re-election](#)... the government is in a hurry for this measure."
- **André do Rap:** Portrayed as an **elusive and powerful foe**, whose network remains operational despite his flight. Quote: "One of the PCC bosses who is [a fugitive](#)."

NON-STATE & CORPORATE ACTORS

- **PCC:** Characterized as a **sophisticated narco-state** actor with influence in major ports and legal teams.

- **Discord:** Framed as **negligent and harmful** toward youth, facing massive government lawsuits. Quote: "Condemned to pay [R\\$ 500 million](#)... platform did not commit to significant changes."

INFORMATION WARFARE ENVIRONMENT

The meta-narrative of the day is the **normalization of structural economic changes** as unmitigated successes. The government is successfully seeding the idea that ending the 6x1 scale is an inevitable "conquest" for dignity, while **minimizing the inflationary risks** cited by the retail sector. Concurrently, there is a clear **narrative operation** surrounding the Iran leadership health, likely intended to destabilize the regime's internal command structure by emphasizing the "shadow government" aspect. In Brazil, the heavy focus on **arresting "fake police"** serves to reassure the public during a time of high crime volatility, even as reports of **real police misconduct** are relegated to lower-priority segments.

HYPOTHESES AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

- **Labor Market Overheating:** The combination of record-low unemployment and the transition to a 5x2 work week will likely lead to a **labor shortage** in the service and retail sectors, driving up wages and subsequently inflation in late 2026.

- **Venezuelan Pivot:** If the US secures a petroleum deal with the Maduro regime, it will **marginalize Brazil's regional influence** and potentially lead to a normalization of the Venezuelan government within the OAS, despite previous democratic objections.
- **Climate-Induced Migration:** The "glacial collapse" in the Himalayas will likely trigger a **new wave of climate refugees** from South Asia toward more stable regions, potentially stressing international aid budgets already thinned by the Ukraine war.

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

Short Term (1-4 Weeks): Expect the Senate to [approve the 6x1 scale](#) termination and the "blusinha" tax extension, providing the Lula administration with a significant legislative win before the October 2026 electoral surge. High fire risks will continue to **disrupt agriculture** in São Paulo.

Medium Term (1-6 Months): US-Canada trade tensions will likely stabilize as the economic pain of 50% tariffs becomes unsustainable for US manufacturers, potentially leading to a "managed" trade agreement. The formation of a new **Ministry of Security** in Brazil will be the next major institutional battleground.

Long Term (1-5 Years): The focus on **Svalbard-style resource preservation** will become a core pillar of Brazilian national security, as climate instability makes traditional agricultural cycles less predictable. The **nicotine vaccine** and other domestic biotech innovations could position Brazil as a leader in "systemic health" exports.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The landscape presents several high-impact risks that could rapidly destabilize regional and global order.

- **Glacial Dam Failure:** The newly formed lake in the Himalayas risks a **catastrophic rupture**. Triggers: Continued rain or secondary seismic activity. Likelihood: High. Impact: Devastating for downstream communities in Nepal and China. Mitigations: Emergency drainage and mass evacuations currently underway [by military forces](#).
- **Iranian Succession Crisis:** A sudden announcement of the Supreme Leader's death could lead to **internal sectarian or military conflict**. Triggers: Confirmation of Khamenei's death or a visible coup by the Revolutionary Guard. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Regional war and oil price shock. Mitigations: International back-channel diplomacy with "shadow" leaders.
- **Brazilian Fiscal Overreach:** Aggressive labor reform paired with high housing credit could **trigger an inflationary spiral**. Triggers: Failure to pass offsetting revenue measures or a central bank rate hike. Likelihood: Moderate. Impact: Erosion of purchasing power and social unrest. Mitigations: Strict adherence to the [inflation target](#) through monetary tightening.

- **Critical Infrastructure Vulnerability:** Organized crime's [infiltration of port workers](#) threatens the integrity of international trade. Triggers: A major seizure or port-wide strike. Likelihood: High. Impact: Disruption of global logistics and increased insurance costs. Mitigations: Deployment of federal forces to port facilities.
- **US-Canada Trade Collapse:** Transitioning from a trade war to a **full decoupling**. Triggers: Implementation of 100% tariffs on critical minerals. Likelihood: Low but rising. Impact: Collapse of the North American automotive and aerospace supply chains. Mitigations: Diplomatic intervention by the G7.

GAPS & BLIND SPOTS

- **Debt Sustainability:** The broadcasts celebrate record credit (R\$ 1 trillion) but fail to address the **potential for a housing bubble** if interest rates rise to combat the reported 3.4% inflation.
- **Nepal Casualty Counts:** There is a significant discrepancy between "confirmed dead" and "missing," with little information on the survival probability of the [1,500 missing tourists](#).
- **Iranian "Shadow" Entities:** The report mentions a "government of the circle" but fails to identify which specific factions (e.g., IRGC vs. clerical elite) are currently holding the reins.
- **Venezuelan Transparency:** US negotiations for oil are mentioned, but the **concessions granted to the Maduro regime** (sanctions relief, etc.) remain undisclosed.

CONTRARIAN NARRATIVE SCENARIOS

- **Desperate Strength:** The US renaming of Lake Ontario and 50% tariffs may not be signs of strength, but **desperate attempts** to mask a crumbling domestic industrial base that cannot compete without extreme protectionism.
- **The 5x2 Trap:** Ending the 6x1 scale may inadvertently **drive millions into the "gig economy"** as formal employers cut headcounts to manage costs, actually increasing precariousness rather than dignity.
- **Black Swan - Glacial Seismic Event:** A large-scale glacial collapse could trigger a **mountain-range-wide seismic event** that destroys multiple hydroelectric dams simultaneously, cutting power to millions in China and India and triggering a regional energy-security war.

RECOMMENDATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

For Statecraft/Public Sector:

- Prioritize **bilateral security agreements** for the Port of Santos to counter PCC infiltration of the supply chain.
- Accelerate **glacial monitoring programs** in South America (Andes) to prevent a domestic "Nepal-style" disaster.
- Prepare a **diplomatic contingency plan** for a post-Khamenei Iran to prevent regional escalation.

For Private Sector/Investors:

- Retailers should prepare for **higher labor costs** and move to automate customer service and logistics before the 5x2 shift becomes law.
- Agricultural investors should hedge against **climate shocks** by investing in AI tools like "Joia" and drought-resistant seeds.
- North American manufacturers must **diversify suppliers** outside of the US-Canada corridor to mitigate the impact of the ongoing trade war.

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The legislative agenda is currently dominated by labor reforms and protectionist tax measures designed to satisfy both the industrial elite and the voting public before the 2026 elections.

BILLS DISCUSSED/DEBATED:

- **6x1 Work Scale Termination:** Proposed constitutional amendment to mandate a 5x2 schedule. Intent: Improve mental health and [labor dignity](#).
- **Taxa das Blusinhas:** Measure to maintain a 20% tax on international purchases under \$50. Intent: Protect [national retail](#) from foreign competition.
- **PEC da Segurança:** Proposal to centralize security policy and create a [Ministry of Security](#). Intent: Coordinated response to organized crime.
- **Marco Regulatório do Transporte:** Aiming for [zero-fare transit](#) for millions. Intent: Social inclusion and mobility.

HEARINGS & PRESS EVENTS:

- **Senator Jax Wagner Interview:** Defended the [PT governance record](#) in Bahia and the need for structural infrastructure investment.
- **Senator Marcel Van Hattem Sabatina:** Focused on [combating judicial activism](#) in the Supreme Court.
- **US Ambassador Nominee Presser:** Daniel Perez indicated a [willingness to work](#) with any Brazilian leader, provided US economic interests are secured.

KEY STORIES

- **Nepal-Tibet Avalanche:** Glacial collapse on the China-Nepal border kills [389 people](#); 1,500 remain missing. Emergency helicopters are rescuing survivors from rooftops in mud-filled villages.
- **PCC "Portuga" Arrest:** Leandro de Andrade, right-hand man to André do Rap, arrested in a luxury apartment with [coded ledgers](#) for drug trafficking.
- **Labor Scale Reform:** CCJ rapporteur Omar Aziz rejects all amendments to [accelerate the approval](#) of the 5x2 work week.
- **Lake America Decree:** Donald Trump renames [Lake Ontario](#) amid a trade war with Canada that sees 50% tariffs on cross-border goods.
- **Svalbard Brazilian Seeds:** Brazil deposits [8,125 samples](#) of corn, beans, and cashew seeds in the Global Seed Vault in Norway.
- **Measles Outbreak in SP:** 26 confirmed cases of measles in São Paulo, with [19 patients unvaccinated](#).

- **Caixa Real Estate Record:** Housing credit hits [R\\$ 1 trillion](#), driven by low unemployment and government housing programs.
- **Iranian Leadership Vacuum:** Absence of Ayatollah Khamenei leads to rumors of [incapacitation](#) and a "shadow government" managing regional strategy.
- **SP Police Misconduct:** Arrest of PMs suspected of [sexual abuse](#) of a 16-year-old boy in a wooded area during an illegal "detention."
- **Fake Police Gang:** Criminals using [unmarked cars with sirens](#) to kidnap victims and force million-dollar cryptocurrency transfers arrested.
- **Nicotine Vaccine:** Brazilian researchers develop a vaccine that prevents [nicotine from reaching the brain](#), successfully tested in rodents.
- **Minas Coffee Oscar:** Carmo de Minas farms win the [Cup of Excellence](#) 30 times, exporting high-end specialty coffee for \$40 per 250g.
- **Youth Sedentarism Study:** 84% of Brazilian youth fail to meet [daily exercise requirements](#), contributing to a surge in anxiety and myopia.
- **Kyiv Drone Siege:** 38 Russian drones targeted Kyiv in the [largest single-day attack](#) of 2026.
- **US-Venezuela Oil Talks:** Washington seeks to secure [permanent seats](#) on Venezuelan energy boards to ensure regional security.
- **Amazon Deforestation Drop:** 60% of indigenous lands showed [zero deforestation](#) in the latest analyzed period.
- **Sky-high Inflation:** Brazilian inflation at [3.4%](#), driven by fuel and food prices, exceeding the government's 2% goal.

- **Maníaco do Carro Azul:** Convicted rapist on "saidinha" (temporary release) arrested for [abusing a 16-year-old](#) student in Rio.
- **Joia AI Tool:** CNA/Senar launches an [AI advisor](#) to help farmers manage costs and technical decisions via mobile apps.
- **Caixa Profitability Surge:** Q2 profit of [R\\$ 3.3 billion](#) highlights the strength of state-led credit institutions.

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