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Another Fire is Raging in Brazil — in Rio's Favelas

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As the fires rage in Brazil's Amazon, another fire burning in Brazil has received much less attention: the dramatic rise in police brutality against Rio de Janeiro's "favelas," or poor neighborhoods, where **nearly a quarter** of the city's population resides. Since Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and his ally Rio Governor Wilson Witzel took office in January, a record **1,075 Rio de Janeiro residents have been killed by the police**, accounting for 40 percent of all violent deaths in metropolitan Rio de Janeiro.