

Brazil surpasses U.S. in daily coronavirus death toll

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Brazil's daily coronavirus deaths were higher than fatalities in the United States for the first time over the last 24 hours, according to the country's Health Ministry. Brazil registered 807 deaths over the last 24 hours, whereas 620 died in the United States.

Brazil has the second worst outbreak in the world, with 374,898 cases, behind the U.S. with 1.637 million cases. Total deaths in the U.S. has reached 97,971, according to Reuters tally compared with Brazil at 23,473.

In related news, the White House issued a statement amending the timing of the start of new restrictions on travel from Brazil to the United States to 11:59pm Eastern Time on Tuesday, May 26 (04:59 GMT on Wednesday).

The White House announced on Sunday that it was restricting travel from Brazil to the United States, two days after the South American nation became the world's No 2 hotspot for coronavirus cases. In its original announcement, it said the restrictions would come into force on May 28.