

Bolsonaro spread disinformation on Brazil's voting system: Police | Al Jazeera

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Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro had a “direct and relevant” role in spreading disinformation about the country’s electoral process during live streams on social media, according to a police document.

Federal police commissioner Denisse Ribeiro wrote in the document that Bolsonaro’s streams had a “clear purpose” of misleading Brazilians over the integrity of the country’s elections, the Reuters news agency, which reviewed the police file, said on Friday.

In a political playbook similar to one used by former US President Donald Trump, Bolsonaro has said multiple times in the past months that Brazil’s electronic voting system was rigged during the 2018 presidential election, which he won.

He says he should have been elected in the first round of voting, but never presented any evidence of fraud.

He also has cast doubt on the integrity of next year’s elections, implying he might not accept the results if the electronic system is not changed to one that includes printed receipts that can be recounted.

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