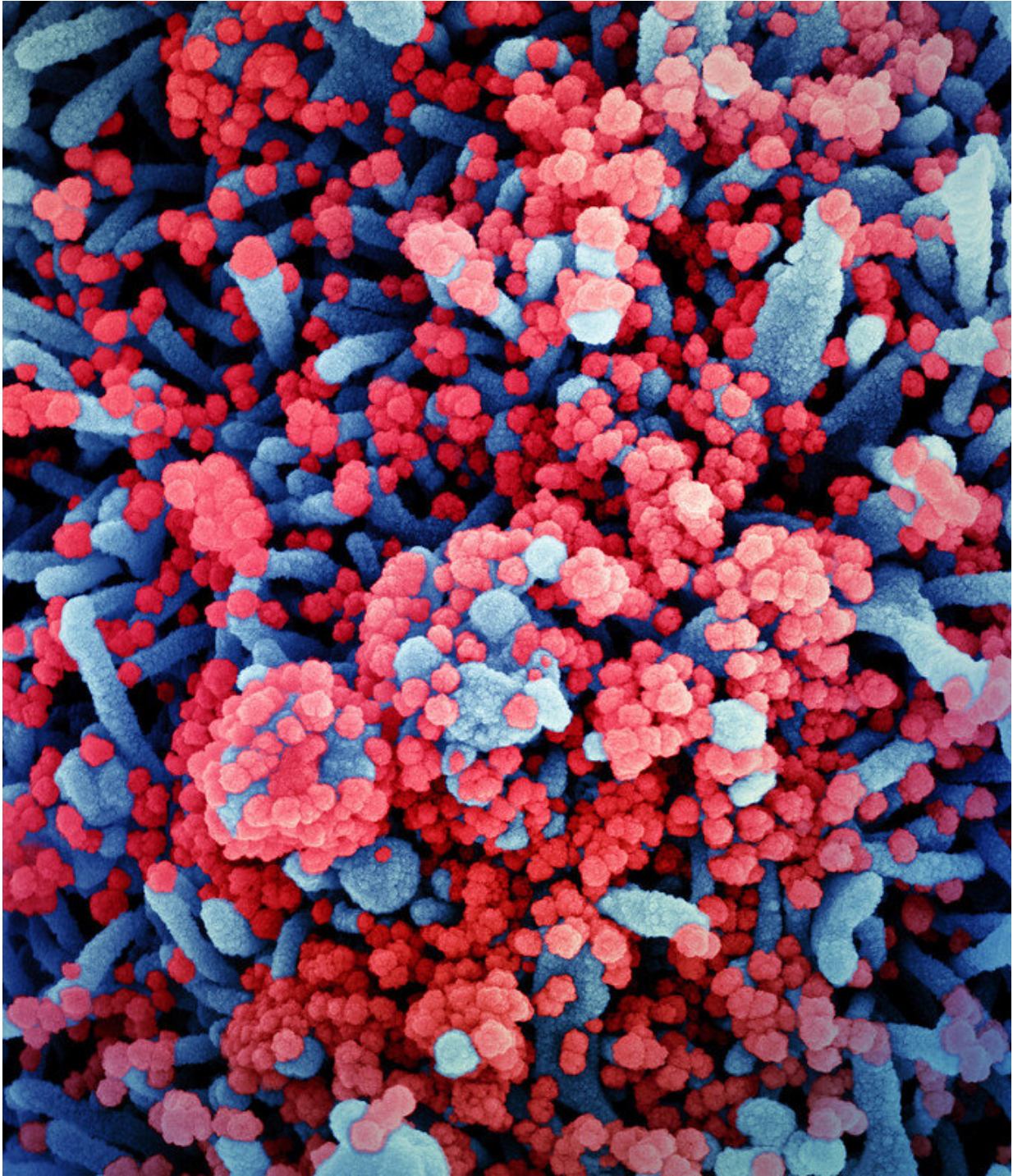


Latin America and Caribbean surpass 300,000 COVID-19 deaths: AFP

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Colorized scanning electron micrograph of a cell (blue) heavily infected with SARS-CoV-2 virus particles (red), isolated from a patient sample. Image captured at the NIAID Integrated Research Facility (IRF) in Fort Detrick, Maryland. Credit: NIAID

Latin American and the Caribbean on Tuesday surpassed 300,000 deaths from COVID-19, with hard-hit Peru alone adding more than 30,000 new virus deaths, according to an AFP count of official data.

Brazil continues to be the most-affected country in the region. It also has the third-highest caseload in the world, with 4,162,073 reported cases, and the second-highest [death](#) toll, with 127,464.

But Peru, with 93.28 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants, has the highest mortality rate in the region, according to a ranking published by Johns Hopkins University.

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