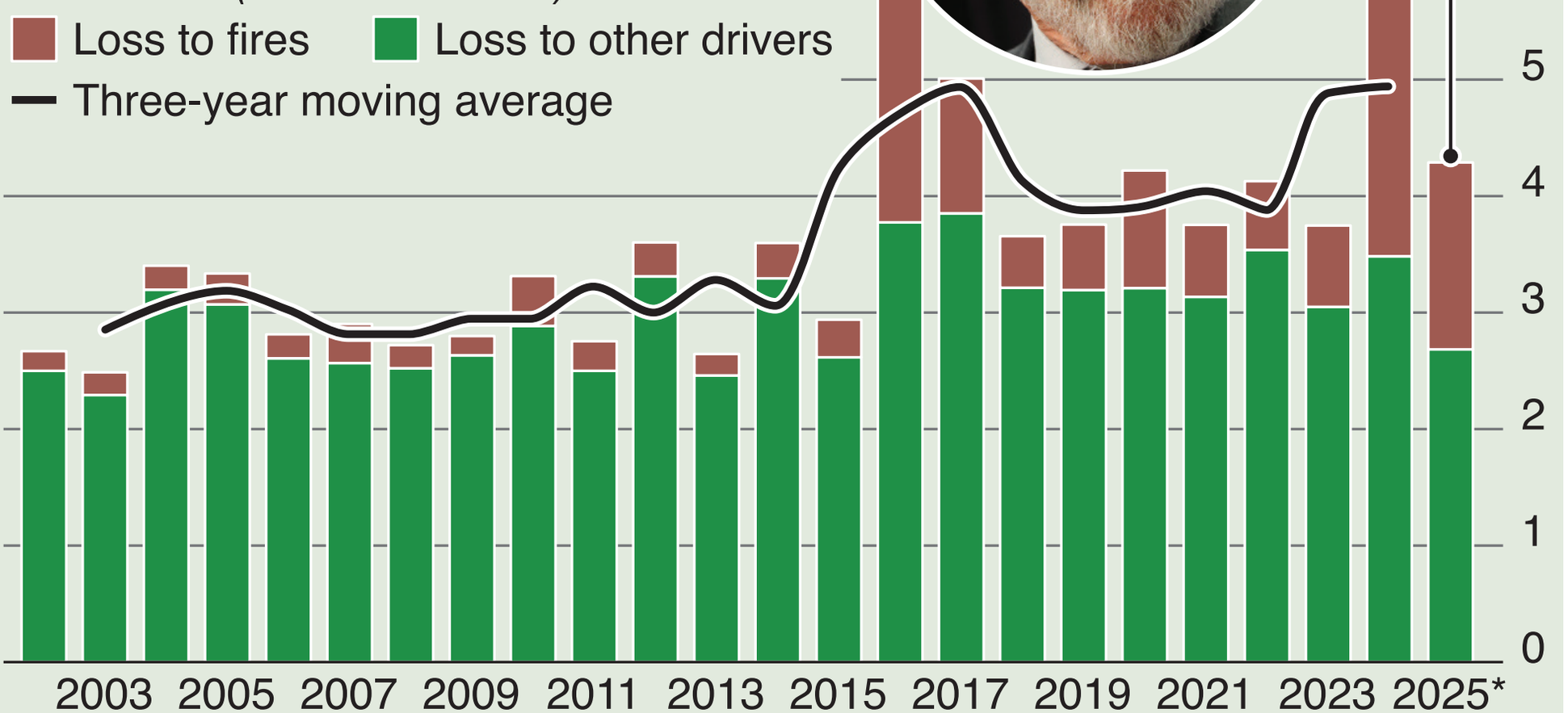
Tropical forest loss eases after record year

The pace of tropical forest destruction slowed in 2025 after record losses the year before but remained at worrying levels equivalent to 11 football fields per minute, researchers said

*A 36% drop in tropical primary rainforest loss compared to 2024 is due largely to Brazil's efforts to curb deforestation as pledged by President **Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva** (right) when he took office in 2023*



TROPICAL PRIMARY FOREST LOSS 2002-2025 *(million hectares)*



*Some fire-driven loss may be delayed detection of late season fires in 2024

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