



Chidambaram arrested in New Delhi

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Palaniappan Chidambaram, a former finance minister of India and also a senior Congress leader, was arrested last night in New Delhi by the Central Bureau of Investigation in connection with INX media case of alleged money laundering, officials said.

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Guo, who claims to be a corruption whistle-blower and has lived in the US since 2014, is wanted by Chinese authorities on a series of charges, including fraud and bribery. Many of his assets in China have been frozen or repossessed by the government.

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NGOs may have set Amazon forest on fire

Bolsonaro says without giving any evidence

REUTERS, Sao Paulo

Brazil's right-wing President Jair Bolsonaro on Wednesday accused non-governmental organizations of setting wildfires in the Amazon rainforest to damage his government's image after he cut their funding.



A man works in a burning tract of Amazon jungle as it is being cleared by loggers and farmers in Iranduba, Amazonas state, Brazil yesterday.

Bolsonaro said "everything indicates" that NGOs are going to the Amazon to "set fire" to the forest. When asked if he had evidence to back up his claims, he said he had "no written plan," adding "that's not how it's done."

brushed off criticism, saying it is the time of the year of the "queimada" or burn, when farmers use fire to clear land.

Speaking later on Wednesday, Bolsonaro also took aim at the Paris climate accord, saying that if it were so good, the United States would have stayed in it.

ACC still promoted eight investigators

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released on February 4 after serving three years in Kashimpur jail. During investigation, none of these officials visited Jaha Alam's house to confirm his identity, the report said, adding that some bank officials and introducers of Abu Salek's bank accounts misled the investigators.

directors. All of them have been tasked with important departments such as money laundering and special investigation. Saiduzzaman was later suspended over negligence and misconduct in a separate investigation.

sought to know the names and other particulars of these 11 officials. The ACC will have to furnish the details and place a report before the court by August 28, the HC said in a suo moto order after the anti-graft body informed the court that departmental proceedings were underway against them.

Cantonment branch. According to the case statement, the laundered money was then transacted to different accounts of 33 branches in 18 public and private banks.

Indian gangs smuggling

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Contacted, Lt Col Nazrul Islam, commanding officer of Border Guard Bangladesh Battalion-35, which maintain security at the border point, said they arrested many with yaba pills, but were yet not sure about the origin of the drugs.

said, adding that yaba prices go up as the pills make their way to Bangladesh from Myanmar through the two Indian states. The ADC said Sabur, using his own carriers, had earlier sent three other yaba shipments, each of 10,000 pieces. He arrived in Bangladesh for the first time on July 26 to observe the market here and establish a stronger network with Bangladeshi yaba dealers.

Junayed said. The other arrestee, Shamsul, had not been facing any cases and he used to work for Jakir, he said. Jakir said he had bought yaba pills from another Indian in Kurigram, said DB officials without elaborating.

came from India, but we are yet to get any specific information about their origin," he said, adding that they were investigating the matter as a priority. This is not the first time law enforcers said yaba was coming into Bangladesh via India.

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Besides, the court fined Zakia Tk 1 lakh, in default of which she will have to suffer three-month more in prison. After the placing the verdict, the court cancelled the duo's bail and sent them to prison with conviction warrant to serve jail term.

summit. Earlier this year India and Pakistan again came close to all-out conflict over the region after a militant attack in Indian-held Kashmir in February was claimed by a group based in Pakistan, sparking tit-for-tat air strikes.

on Tuesday that the Kashmir dispute must be resolved between India and Pakistan alone, Downing Street said. An Indian statement said Modi had raised with Johnson the "violence and vandalism perpetrated by a large mob against the High Commission of India in London" on August 15.

But the latest gun battle in the north Kashmir's Baramulla district, reported by Kashmir police yesterday, id the first since the August 5 move. "One terrorist killed... Arms and ammunition recovered. Our colleague SPO (special police officer) Billal attained martyrdom. SI (subinspector) Amardeep Parihar injured in the incident is being treated at Army Hospital," Kashmir Zone Police said on Twitter.

One held for raping fifth grader

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday arrested a man for allegedly raping a fifth grader in Mymensingh, while another was sued for attempted rape in Jashore.

The 13-year-old girl was alone at her home on Monday evening when Dilu forcibly entered the house, tied her hands and legs, and then raped her, police quoted the victim's family as saying. When the girl started screaming, her neighbours rushed there and rescued her. But Dilu managed to flee.

Talking to The Daily Star, Sukhdeb Roy, officer-in-charge of Bagachhra police outpost, said they were trying to arrest Hamid.

Trump accuses Jewish Democratic voters of 'great disloyalty'

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump said Tuesday Jewish Americans who vote for Democrats display "either a total lack of knowledge or great disloyalty," sparking accusations that he is promoting and politicizing anti-Semitism.

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134 people while about 115 were missing, bringing the death toll of Mediterranean migrants to over 600 this year.

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