

## Civilian killed, three soldiers injured in militant attack in South Kashmir's Shopian

**SRINAGAR(KCN):** Militants on Thursday evening attacked a cab hired by army in South Kashmir's Shopian district, kill-

evening patrol near Kiloora area of Imam Sahib area in Shopian district this evening.

They said militants fired indiscrimi-

including a Major travelling in the cab were injured," sources said.

They said the injured driver suc-

injured army men is Major-rank officer.

"He has sustained bullet injury in right hand," they said.

After the militant attack, police, army and paramilitary personnel laid siege around the area to conduct searches and track down the militants responsible for the attack.

The militant attack took place few hours after over 4000 army, police and paramilitary personnel called off over eight-hour long massive combing and search operation in over dozen villages in Shopian district.

The search operation was launched after intelligence inputs about presence of local and foreign militants in Shopian.



ing a civilian driver and injuring three army men including a Major.

Police sources said militants attacked a Tata Sumo hired by army for

nately from AK-47 rifles towards the vehicle in which army men were travelling.

"In the militant firing, the civilian driver of the vehicle and three army men

cumbed to injuries while being shifted to hospital while the injured army men are undergoing treatment at the army hospital.

According to sources, one of the

## Russia, Turkey, Iran ink deal on creating safe zones in Syria

Russian lead negotiator on Syria Alexander Lavrentyev, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Jaber Ansari, Kazakh Foreign Minister Kairat Abdrakhmanov and U.N. Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura attend the fourth round of Syria peace talks in Astana, Kazakhstan, May 4,

2017. REUTERS/Mukhtar Khodorbekov

Syrian regime allies Russia and Iran and rebel supporter Turkey on Thursday signed a memorandum on a Moscow-backed plan to create safe zones in Syria to bolster a fragile truce. An AFP reporter at peace talks in the Kazakh capital

Astana saw the heads of the delegations, representing the three countries sponsoring the negotiations, sign the document.

However a member of the rebel delegation left the room, shouting against regime ally Iran, the AFP reporter saw. The Syrian government and rebel delegations are not sig-

natories.

The Kremlin has been touting a plan to create safe zones in Syria that is aimed to "further pacification and cessation of hostilities."

"Over the past two days, the participants in the Astana talks reviewed the implementation of the ceasefire agreement See Page-7

## Will Naveen accept Bijay?

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** With BJD President

who either quit the party or were expelled



and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik giving green signal to tack back estranged leaders

in the past, the political circle is agog with discussion on the fate of Bijay Mohapatra.

A common ques-

tion is going round the state as to whether Naveen can accept Bijay from among the dozen of estranged BJD leaders. However, Naveen said: "It will be taken up on a case-to-case basis." This indicates that he is not going to accept all the leaders who were earlier ousted from the party.

While many people are hopeful on return of Prafulla Ghadai and Raghunath Mohanty, no one is sure about Bijay Mohapatra and Dilip Ray, who are now in BJD.

Mr.Ray is a Lawmaker from Rourkela while Mr.Mohapatra is now outside the State Legislative Assembly.

While Bijay was denied a party ticket and therefore could not contest the 2000 assembly polls, he

has been defeated in 2004, 2009 and 2014 general elections. Naveen has all along ensured that Bijay lost the polls.

But Bijay has the capability to improve the ground touch of BJD, which is slowly losing its base to BJP.

Under the changed circumstances when the BJP has been making all round efforts to oust the BJD from power, Naveen will require the erstwhile colleagues, not just to win polls, but to weaken the rival BJP.

With Naveen giving green signal to accept former party colleagues, the BJD rank and file is happy.

BJD Vice-President and Minister Excise, Damodar Rout welcomed the attitude and said that it is a good move by the Party President.

## Odisha needs more forces

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Government will reiterate its demand for more Central Armed Police Force(CAPFs) and better communication facilities from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) at the May 8 meeting with Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh to tackle Maoists more effectively, Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi said.

The anti-Maoist strategy meeting has been convened by Minister Home Affairs Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on May 8 following the attack on CRPF in Sukma on April 24, said to be the deadliest on the central force in seven years.

"We will demand two additional battalions of central force as there is every possibility of red rebels to sneak into Odisha with Chhattisgarh intensifying combing

operation. We have already sealed the from CoBRA force and remaining seven



border with that state," Mr.Padhi said after the meeting.

Odisha currently has 16 battalions of CAPFs compared to that of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, which have about 100 battalions each, a Top Cop revealed.

"Of the 16 battalions, eight battalions are from CRPF, one

are BSF. However, this number is quite inadequate in view of the changed scenario," the IG said.

Mr.Padhi said that the State also needed more mobile towers to smoothen communication facilities in hilly and forested areas, sheltering the rebels.

"Better roads are

also required for the movement of forces," he said, adding that coordination between neighbouring states like Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh should be enhanced.

"All these issues will be raised in the May 8 meeting with the Union Minister," the Chief Secretary said.

DGP KB Singh said that the security forces are on high alert along the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border to prevent any possible influx of Maoist cadres into Odisha border.

"Personnel of the State's elite special operation group (SOG), district voluntary force, CRPF and the BSF have been deployed to maintain strict vigil on the movement of people in the adjoining areas," DGP Mr.Singh said.



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**Befikre's new song Je T'aime proves French is language of love**

After giving us songs to groove on, Befikre filmmakers have released a romantic song with flavours of Paris in it. French is the language of love and this song proves the dictum all over again. The song explores the bond between the characters of Ranveer Singh and Vaani Kapoor, which is shown transforming from a casual relationship into love and commitment. The lyrics, which have been written by Jaideep Sahni, are poetic, relatable and beautiful. He has penned down all those sweet miseries

that you will experience being in love. The music, which has been given by the very talented duo Vishal-Shekhar, sets even a bit of Salsa, you a bit uncomfortable more romantic. And you free from the notion that one cannot dance on a romantic number. If you know you have your moves ready too. Unlike other lovey-dovey songs which made you able to dance with your partner, this number will make the entire ambience a bit don't miss the chemistry between Ranveer and Vaani too.



Hot, Hot, Hot! Padma Lakshmi Shows Off Her Beach Body In Teeny Bikini, Radar Online

**Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher welcome second child**

LOS ANGELES(KCN): Actors Mila Kunis and Ashton

day, the website E! News reported. The actors and

Kunis, 33, met as co-stars on the set of "That '70s show," a

"Two and a Half Men," among his other roles, shot to



Kutcher announced the birth of their second child together, a spokeswoman for Kunis confirmed on Thursday.

The couple has yet to name the baby boy born on Wednesday,

producers have a two-year-old daughter, Wyatt. They became engaged in February 2014 after a two-year relationship and married in July 2015.

Kutcher, 38, and

television series aired in the United States between 1998 and 2006 in which their characters were also in a relationship.

Kutcher, who also starred in the television series

international fame when he began dating actress Demi Moore, to whom he was married from 2005 to 2013.

Kunis previously had a long-term relationship with actor Macaulay Culkin.

**UAE's Omar Abdulrahman named Asia Player of Year**

Abu Dhabi(KCN): Omar Abdulrahman, uae football, afc football, Omar Abdulrahman afc, football news, Omar Abdulrahman (R) admitted he would like to play in Europe. (Source: AP)

Omar Abdulrahman, arguably Asia's biggest star, was crowned AFC player of the year in a glittering ceremony in his home country of United Arab Emirates.

The left-sided midfielder and winger is the second Emirati to win the trophy in consecutive years and his award was greeted with a huge cheer in the Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi.

The victory was even sweeter as he was nominated last year but lost out to compatriot, Ahmed

Khalil. But he said the trophy would not make up for his Emirati league side Al Ain losing the Asian Champions League final last month to South Korea's Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors.

"My main ambition was to win the Champions League trophy," he said. PM Modi Is More Interested In TRP Politics Rahul Gandhi At Congress Parliamentary Meet PM Modi Is More Interested In TRP Politics Rahul Gandhi At Congress Parliamentary Meet. Row Over West Bengal "Military Coup" Issue Escalates: Who Said What Row Over West Bengal "Military Coup" Issue Escalates: Who Said What

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**BT Exclusive! Nadira Zaheer Babbar**

Bombay (KCN): Nadira Zaheer hasn't done till date in her life. In an exclu-



Babbar will soon be seen enacting both her mother and herself in a play to be featured at the Prithvi Theatre Festival.

The soon-to-be 70 actress wishes to do everything she

sive chat with Bombay Times, she opens up on finally being able to write a play on her mother and work with Makarand Deshpande at the same time.

## Bosch to pay out \$327.5 million over Volkswagen 'dieselgate'

**FRANKFURT(KCN):** German car parts maker Bosch said Wednesday it will pay out some \$327.5 million (303 million euros) in compensation to US buyers and dealers of Volkswagen-made diesel cars affected by the 'dieselgate' scandal. Bosch made some elements of the sophisticated software, known as "defeat devices", that VW installed in 11 million diesel engines worldwide to minimise emissions during regulatory testing. Bosch said in a statement that a compensation agreement "would settle the claims of consumers and dealers of used vehicles against Robert Bosch GmbH, its affiliates, employees, and directors" in the United States.

US customers who bought vehicles

from Volkswagen and Audi with 2.0-litre diesel engines between 2009 and 2015, as well as 3.0-litre VW, Audi and Porsche cars produced between 2009 and 2016, will receive compensation.

The agreement must still be approved by a US federal judge in California, with a hearing slated for February 14.

While agreeing to pay out to VW buyers who have accused the firm of helping conceal the existence of the "defeat devices", Bosch said it "neither acknowledges the facts as alleged by the plaintiffs nor does Bosch accept any liability." With the proposed agreement affecting only civil law claims, Bosch added that it "will continue to defend its interests in all

other civil and criminal law proceedings and to cooperate comprehensively with the investigating authorities in Germany and other countries."

"We wish to devote our attention and our resources to the transition in mobility and in other areas of activity," chief executive Volkmar Denner said in the statement.

Presenting provisional results for 2016 last week, the Stuttgart-based, family-owned firm said it was investing billions in transitioning to electric cars and connected objects from its traditional car components and domestic appliances business.

Bosch reported 73.1 billion euros (\$79 billion) in revenue and operating profit of 4.3 billion euros for the year.

## BSNL to set up 111 base towers in Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura

**Shillong (KCN):** Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) Chief General Manager K K Saxena today said the company will set up 111 base towers in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura to improve customers service and its reach in these states.

He said 56 of

these towers will be in remote Meghalaya (existing 244), nine in Mizoram (existing 141) and 46 in Tripura (existing 386) which will add to 771 existing towers in these states as part of the phase 7 project costing Rs 50 crore.

Both NE-1 and NE-2 (comprising of

Assam and rest of NE states) cater to about 17.4 lakh customers of which 8.7 lakh are in NE-1 circle, he said. Earlier, Saxena announced the launch of three new plans costing less than Rs 400 for prepaid services where customers can avail free calls and data costing less than Rs 2 per GB.

## Reliance Jio tariffs in line with regulations: Telecom Regulatory body

**NEW DELHI (KCN):** Telecom regulator TRAI has said the tariff plans of Reliance Jio are in compliance with its regulations and the existing tariff orders.

TRAJ is expected to communicate the

informed the tariffs and has found that the tariffs are in compliance with regulations and existing tariff orders," sources said.

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eral for views on Jio's free voice and data offering till March 2017, that rivals have termed "predatory".

Sources said during the hearing at TDSAT yesterday, TRAI counsel submitted that the regu-

lated as predatory" and also explain why its tariffs were not in violation of existing regulatory guidelines.

In its response, Jio had stated that its latest Happy New Year offer is substantially different from

payment after the 4 GB limit was exhausted, but in the fresh offering, one can recharge both data and the promised speed. In terms of market dominance, Reliance Jio said it accounts for 6 per



same to the incumbent operators including Bharti Airtel and Idea Cellular, which had moved telecom tribunal TDSAT against the regulator for allowing the Mukesh Ambani-led telecom venture to continue free promotional offer beyond the stipulated 90 days.

"TRAJ has exam-

Jio tells TRAI

The decision comes just days after the Attorney General communicated to TRAI that Reliance Jio's tariff plans do not violate any existing regulation or order issued by the regulator, and therefore it should not intervene in the matter.

TRAJ had asked for the Attorney Gen-

erator has already taken a decision on the issue, after which TDSAT directed TRAI to file its decision. The next date of hearing on the matter is February 6.

On December 20, 2016, TRAI had asked Reliance Jio to clarify as to "why the offer of free data under the promotional offer should not be

the Jio Welcome Offer -- which commenced on September 5 -- as in the initial offer, it had provided 4 GB of free data per day, while in the new one, the same was capped at 1 GB under Fair Usage Policy.

Also, it contended that in the first, there was no option of renewal or

cent market share in the country whereas the Competition Commission of India (CCI) norms specify 30 per cent threshold to trigger the misuse of market dominance clause.

"The two tariff plans are not the same, in terms of data on offer and other aspects," TRAI sources said.

# Pakistan Army crossed over LoC after mutilating Indian soldiers: MEA

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** An "outraged" India on Wednesday told Pakistan that its Army Personnel from the Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (Pok) crossed over the LoC and mutilated the bodies of the Indian soldiers. India also pointed out the barbarism of the act as it informed Pakistan that a blood trail was found till the LoC in the Krishnaghati sector belonging to slain Indian soldiers hinting that the mutilated part of the body was carried across the de-facto border between the two countries.

Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar summoned Pakistan's Envoy Abdul Basit in the afternoon and issued a demarche to inform that Indian investigating agencies have found "sufficient" evidence re-



garding the involvement of Pakistan Army personnel in the mutilating of two Indian soldiers – one from the Army and one from the Border Security Force (BSF) on May 1.

However, the Ministry of External

Affairs' (MEA) Spokesperson Gopal Baglay tied himself in knots while putting across the official version on the evidence of the involvement of Pakistan Army in the incident. Addressing the media Baglay averred that

there was a "trail of blood" on Roza Nalla that "clearly" suggests that the killers returned across the LoC. However, when asked to clarify whose blood sample was it, Baglay said that it belonged to Pakistan Army per-

sonnel. This created confusion and some pointed questions were asked as to how it was discerned that the blood samples belonged to an Indian or a Pakistani; and if it was a Pakistani's blood how did Indian investigating agen-

cies found it belonged to a civilian or military personnel. Following this Baglay returned to the first version that the blood trail was of Indian soldiers.

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The Foreign Secretary has not provided evidence to Pakistan Envoy, who has denied involvement of Pakistan Army personnel in the Act. When asked for "actionable evidence" Jaishankar informed Basit that the incident was preceded by "covering fire from Pakistani posts in Battal sector (in vicinity of village Battal)". Regardless

of the diplomatic flip-flop, the incident has sparked calls for revenge in India and the incident has made the already low Indo-Pak relations to plunge further. Following the Uri terror attack in September 2016, India had responded with surgical strikes, however, that has not stopped the constant escalation of violence between the two countries. India has been continuing to raise the issue on international forums to isolate Pakistan but that has not abated the cross-border sponsorship of terrorism. With elections due next year in Pakistan the Army would definitely like to project upper hand over the civilian leadership. Meanwhile, the South Block mandarins are thinking hard to increase cost for Pakistan.

# IPL: Delhi continue chasing mantra, insert Gujarat in

**NEW DELHI:** With both teams' playoffs hopes in the tenth season of the Indian Premier League rest-

helped either. Add to that James Faulkner's indifferent season, and you can see why they have struggled.

Delhi, meanwhile, is coming off a morale-boosting victory against the in-form Sunrisers

Cummins coming in, while Marlon Samuels will make his debut.

Teams: Delhi:



ing on a win at the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium here on Thursday, Delhi Daredevils captain Karun Nair won the toss and chose to bowl against Gujarat Lions.

Gujarat, who surprised everyone during their debut season last year by topping the group stages, have faced a much tougher time in 2017. It hasn't helped that their overseas players have struggled, apart from Brendon McCullum. Trying to fit in all three foreign openers into their XIs has not

Another factor has been the poor performances of their Indian bowlers. The injury to Andrew Tye, their leading wicket-taker and knuckleball specialist until injury forced him out of the tournament, has only exacerbated the situation. Bowlers will need to pull up their socks and ensure better displays if they are to win all their remaining four games, which is the minimum to have a sniff of the playoffs.

There were no changes to the eleven from their previous game.

Hyderabad. In a rare instance, both their batting and bowling clicked. Fielding is still a worry, but the management will be smart enough to have looked into the matter during practice.

They capital team have five games left and six points in the kitty, and will know victory in at least four will be minimum if they are to make the playoffs. It will help that they play four of their last five games at home.

There were three changes to the team, with Shahbaz Nadeem and Pat

Sanju Samson, Karun Nair (C), Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, Marlon Samuels, Corey Anderson, Pat Cummins, Kagiso Rabada, Shahbaz Nadeem, Amit Mishra, Mohammed Shami.

**Gujarat:** Brendon McCullum, Ishan Kishan, Suresh Raina (C), Aaron Finch, Dwayne Smith, Dinesh Karthik, Ravindra Jadeja, James Faulkner, Pradeep Sangwan, Basil Thampi, Ankit Soni. raviyer@newindian-express.com

## Ronaldo scores on return home as Portugal loses to Sweden

**FUNCHAL(KCN):** Cristiano Ronaldo scored on his emotional return home, but Portugal squandered a two-goal lead to lose 3-2 to Sweden in a friendly on Tuesday.

Ronaldo found the net 18 minutes into his first match with the national team in his hometown of Funchal on the Madeira Islands, delighting the nearly 10,000 fans who packed the tiny Estadio do Maritimo to see their local hero.

Ronaldo was the main attraction from the start, getting a loud ovation from the crowd even before the match started by lifting and displaying the trophy that he helped Portugal win for the first time in last year's European Championship.

With his mother and son watching from the tribunes, Ronaldo opened the scoring with a close-

range shot after a right-flank cross by Gelson Martins. He then set up the move that led to an own goal by Sweden defender Andreas Granqvist in the 34th.

However, Viktor Claesson started the comeback for the visitors with a shot from inside the area in the 57th minute and then netted the equalizer from a corner kick in the 76th.

An own goal by Joan Cancelo in the third and final minute of stoppage time handed victory to Sweden.

The fans chanted Ronaldo's name several times, including when he was substituted by veteran Ricardo Quaresma in the 58th minute.

On Wednesday, the Madeira airport outside Funchal will be renamed after Ronaldo in a ceremony attended by the

Real Madrid player and his relatives. Funchal already features a Ronaldo statue, a museum about the player, and a HOTEL complex named after him.

Ronaldo grew up in the city sharing a room with his older brother and two older sisters before moving to the mainland to join the youth squads of Sporting Lisbon. From there, he made it to Manchester United and eventually to Madrid, becoming one of the world's biggest soccer stars. He received his fourth world player of the year award in January.

Ronaldo is regarded as a promoter of Madeira, which is considered one of the world's top travel destinations. The islands are located about 500 kilometers (310 miles) from the African coast, and some 1,000 kilometers (620

miles) from the European continent.

Portugal was coming off a convincing 3-0 win over Hungary in World Cup qualifying on Saturday in Lisbon, when Ronaldo scored twice and youngster Andre Silva added another. Ronaldo is the leading scorer in European qualifying with nine goals, one more than Poland's Robert Lewandowski.

Ronaldo has scored nine goals in his last four European qualifiers with the national team.

Portugal has 12 points from five matches in qualifying, three points less than Group B leader Switzerland. Hungary is five points behind Portugal. Only the group winner automatically qualifies for the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

## Two uncapped players in Sri Lanka Test squad for series against Bangladesh

**COLOMBO(KCN):** Sri Lanka on Wednesday named two uncapped players in a 15-member squad led by spinner Rangana Herath for the two-Test home series against Bangladesh starting next week.

All-rounder Malinda Pushpakumara, 29, was brought into the

squad after he led Sri Lanka A to a three-wicket victory over England Lions in an unofficial Test on Monday, the Sri Lankan board said.

Fast bowler Vikum Sanjaya Bandara, 25, was called up for a second time. He was first named into the Test squad in December for the South African

tour, but did not play.

Sri Lanka's regular skipper Angelo Mathews has been left out of the two Tests against Bangladesh, but the Sri Lankan board has not ruled him out of the three one-day internationals and the two Twenty20 games. The first Test starts in Galle on March 7.

Mathews returned home in January, halfway through the South African tour, after twisting his ankle.

Herath filled in for Mathews during Sri Lanka's tour of Zimbabwe in November, when he led his side to victory in both Tests.

## Minus-Messi, Argentina loses another World Cup qualifier

**SAO PAULO(KCN):** Hours after Lionel Messi was suspended by FIFA for four World Cup qualifying matches, Argentina lost 2-0 to Bolivia in the altitude of La Paz on Tuesday and heightened its risk of missing a spot at Russia 2018.

points from 13 matches in qualifying.

If the Brazilians beat seventh position Paraguay in Sao Paulo, they will have enough points to secure a top-five spot in qualifying.

Also on Tuesday Copa America cham-

against the ninth-place Bolivians, only left-winger Marcos Rojo was available. Still, the Argentinians seemed to be handling the Bolivians, creating the best opportunities in the first 30 minutes. But then striker Juan Arce headed home a cross

they gave me to make the change."

Argentina's next games will be in August at Uruguay and in Buenos Aires against Venezuela. In October, the World Cup finalists will face Peru at home and Ecuador in Quito.

**COLOMBIA**



Argentina dropped from third to fifth place, remaining on 22 points in South American qualifying with four games to play and putting coach Edgardo Bauza under intense pressure to step aside.

South America has four direct spots at the World Cup, and the fifth-ranked team goes into an inter-continental playoff against the Oceania qualifying winner for another spot at Russia next year.

While Argentina struggled, Colombia had a 2-0 win at Ecuador, posting its first win in Quito in 20 years and ensuring it will end the round in second or third spot. Ecuador dropped out of the top five for the first time, slipping to sixth with 20 points.

The result at Quito opened the prospect of a possible early qualification for leaders Brazil, which has won seven straight and has 30

place Venezuela 3-1 in Santiago and climbed back to fourth spot with 23 points.

**ARGENTINA**

Argentina's best chance of qualifying for the next World Cup seemingly relies on winning an appeal to have Messi's suspension shortened. The Barcelona star made offensive remarks to a Brazilian linesman in the 1-0 victory against Chile last Thursday and, if the FIFA ruling prevails, will only return to the team in their last match for qualifiers in October against Ecuador.

From a TV set in the locker room, Messi saw Argentina little by little fade into an average side out-run by the Bolivians at the 3,600 meters of altitude. The last time the Argentinians managed to win in La Paz was in 2005.

Of the five defenders Bauza wanted to field

32nd minute to open the scoring for the hosts.

The Argentina started losing condition at altitude and Bolivia capitalized via striker Marcelo Moreno, who fired home from close range after a cross from Flores to make it 2-0 in the 52nd.

"We are alive and we want to qualify for the World Cup. This is a fight that we will keep fighting," Bauza told a post-match news conference, before admitting there were big concerns within the squad. "Yes, the players are worried because no one likes to lose."

The coach also said "it is strange" that Messi's ban was decided so quickly. "It is regrettable that he could not play, but even more so that there was no time for me to work with someone else," Bauza said. "I am a little surprised with the time

had an away win at Ecuador.

He started to break the Colombian drought at 20 minutes. Almost accidentally, Rodriguez touched the ball with his back after a low cross from Borja and it slowly went inside. At 32 minutes he started a play that finished in a similar goal scored by striker Juan Cuadrado — with his feet, though.

In the second half, Rodriguez helped Colombia control a match that could have ended with an even bigger goal difference in favor of the visitors.

Ecuador's chances of a comeback were diminished when defender Luis Caicedo was sent off after a rough challenge on the hour. That means Ecuador won't have one of their best defenders against Brazil in August.