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LOCAL GUANABARA JUDGE SEPTEMBER 9 ORDERED CARLOS LACERDA JAILED TEN DAYS FOR FAILING TESTIFY AT CRIMINAL TRIAL. THOUGH LACERDA HAD APPEARED AT COURT, DEPARTED AFTER ONLY FIFTEEN MINUTES, CLAIMING TOO BUSY TO WAIT. ON LEARNING OF JUDGE'S ARREST ORDER, LACERDA ISSUED STATEMENT TO PRESS CONTESTING ACTION AND ACCUSING JUDGE OF "ABUSE POWER." AS OF EARLY SEPTEMBER 10 LACERDA STILL NOT DETAINED BY POLICE. MATTER APPARENTLY NOT CONNECTED WITH POLITICS.

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