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Third suspect in Amazon shooting deaths nabbed

BRASILIA: Brazil's federal police said a third suspect in the deaths of British journalist Dom Phillips and indigenous expert Bruno Pereira has been arrested.

The pair, whose remains were found after they went missing two weeks ago, were shot to death.

Phillips was shot in the chest and Pereira was shot in the head and abdomen, police said, adding that the autopsy indicated the use of a "firearm with typical hunting ammunition".

Police said the third suspect, Jefferson da Silva Lima, known as Pelado da Dinha, turned himself in at the police station in Atalaia do Norte in the Amazon on Saturday.

Two other men are already in prison for alleged involvement in the killings: Amarildo Oliveira, known as Pelado, and his brother, Oseney de Oliveira, known as Dos Santos.

Phillips and Pereira were last seen on June 5 on their boat on the Itaquai river.

On Friday, police said human remains found in Brazil's remote Amazon had been identified as those of Phillips, 57. Additional remains found at the site were confirmed to belong to Pereira, 41. — AP