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## EU'S TRADE DEALS CAN PUT AN END TO DEFORESTATION

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The EU must take an aggressive stick and carrot approach to trade deals in order to put an end to deforestation and avert a next pandemic, writes Fazlun Khalid.

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A new World Wildlife Fund report, released around the same time as a sharp acceleration in Amazon deforestation, concludes that the rampant destruction of nature led to the COVID-19 pandemic – a view reinforced by the UN and WHO.

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