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France's Sarkozy probed over 2012 campaign funding. Former French president Nicolas Sarkozy was placed under formal investigation Tuesday over alleged illegal campaign funding in 2012, prosecutors said. Sarkozy, who is manoeuvring for another run at the presidency in 2017, was questioned during the day over allegations of false accounting that allowed him to greatly exceed spending limits. [Afp]



Trump not serious? The outgoing US President said leading a nation is a "more serious" job.

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RANCHO MIRAGE. Republican Donald Trump will not be president because it's a "serious job", President Barack Obama has said.

"I continue to believe that Mr Trump will not be president. And the reason is because I have a lot of faith in the American people," said Mr Obama.

Mr Trump, a billionaire businessman, is the frontrunner in the race to be his party's choice for the White House.

He has won one state primary already, and leads the polls in South Carolina, where Republicans vote on Saturday.

Speaking at the Asean economic summit in California, the president was asked by a reporter about Mr Trump.

The electorate will not pick him, said Mr Obama, because "they recognise that being president is a serious job".

"It's not hosting a talk show or a reality show, it's not promotion, it's not marketing, it's hard. It's not a matter of pandering and doing whatever will get you in the news on a given day."

Mr Trump responded by saying it was a compliment to be criticised by a president who had done so much damage to the country.

The New York hotel developer's antipathy to Mr Obama goes back a number of years - he used to demand that the president produce proof that he was born in the US.

And his election campaign has

Donald Trump will not be president - Obama



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a rally in North Augusta, South Carolina, on Tuesday. AFP PHOTO.

continuously made headlines, for controversial remarks and policies.

Mr Trump said he would deport 11 million undocumented immigrants, build a wall on the southern border paid for by Mexico and that Muslims should be stopped from entering the US.

ABOUT TRUMP

Donald John Trump (born June 14, 1946) is an American businessman and media personality.

Long before he was a presidential

candidate, Trump was America's most famous and colourful billionaire.

Once considered a long shot, Trump has maintained steady lead in the polls, and some believe the nomination is his to lose.

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