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Top Iranian nuke scientist assassinated

Armed assailants fired at his car near Tehran; Iran FM points to 'Israeli role'

CNN ONLINE

Iran's top nuclear scientist was killed yesterday in an alleged assassination that the country's foreign minister linked to Israel.



Mohsen Fakhri-zadeh, considered one of the masterminds of Iran's controversial nuclear program, died after his car was apparently ambushed in a district east of Tehran. Photos from the scene showed the shattered windshield of a car, and blood on the road.

Iranian state media said the killing appeared to be an assassination. Iranian Foreign Minister Zarif called the death "cowardice -- with serious indications of Israeli role."

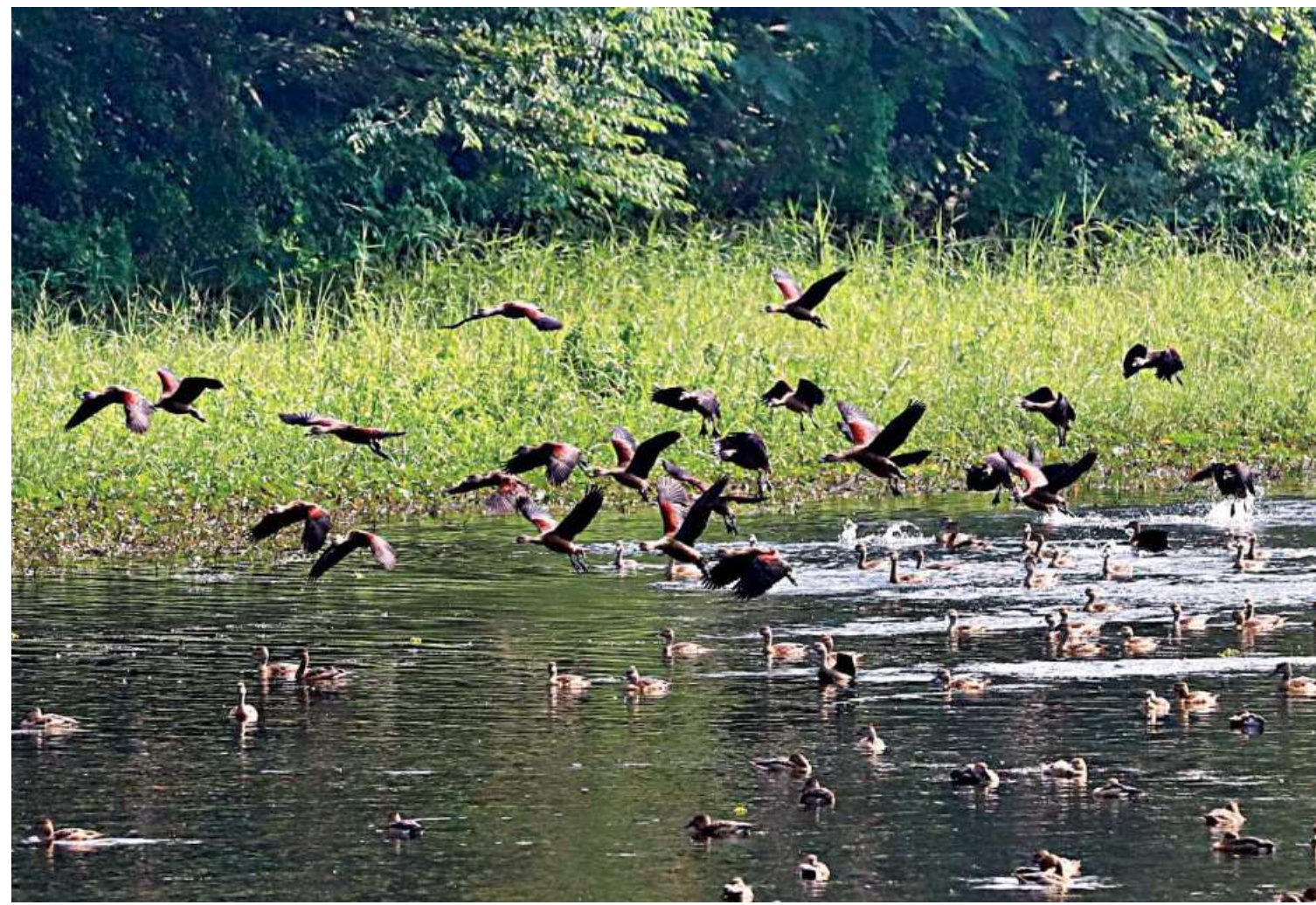
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office declined to comment to CNN.

Fakhri-zadeh was head of the research center of new technology in the elite Revolutionary Guards, and was a leading figure in Iran's nuclear program for many years.

"Terrorists murdered an eminent Iranian scientist today," Zarif said in a tweet. "This cowardice -- with serious indications of Israeli role -- shows desperate warmongering of perpetrators Iran calls on int'l community -- and especially EU -- to end their shameful double standards & condemn this act of state terror."

US President Donald Trump retweeted prominent

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A flight of migratory birds at Jahangirnagar University in Savar. Escaping extreme cold in their homes in the northern countries, they make the campus their temporary habitat every winter. Ornithologists say some rare migratory birds, including African Comb Duck, have been spotted on the campus this year, thanks to reduced traffic and movement of visitors due to Covid-19 restrictions. The photo was taken last week.

Unexpected idyll at JU

Number of migratory birds higher this year than in 2019

MD ASADUZ ZAMAN, JU

Thanks to drastically reduced traffic and visitor movement due to Covid-19 restrictions, migratory birds which arrive to spend out the winter on the lakes of the Jahangirnagar University campus have seen a less disruptive, more idyllic environment this season.

Limited movement of people on campus has meant birds are less affected by human disturbance. Other than staff, there have been very few visitors to campus in past months, though this is now increasing.

Some rare migratory birds have been spotted on the lakes and some birds have made their nests and hatched eggs recently, said ornithologist Prof Md Hasan Kamrul of JU's zoology department.

Usually, the birds appear in the beginning of November, but this year

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COVID INFECTION

Average daily death 27 for last 15 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-seven people died of coronavirus each day on average in the last 15 days.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), about 2,100 people tested positive each day in these 15 days.

Meanwhile, the DGHS recorded 20 more deaths from the virus in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, taking the total death toll to 6,544.

In those 24 hours, another 2,273 new infections were recorded and 16,378 samples were tested, according to the DGHS.

The current positivity rate is 13.88 percent while the total positivity rate stands at 16.81 percent.

The infection rate started crawling up from mid-May and shot up to 20 percent at the end of May.

According to the WHO Situation Report, on November 23, the world stepped into 47th epidemiological week.

The report says the number of new weekly Covid-19 cases was increased by 24.1 percent compared to the previous epidemiological week.

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FIRST YEAR OF BANGLADESH BANGABANDHU'S NATION-BUILDING CHALLENGES

Bangladesh resolutions finalised

November 28, 1972

SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

AGREEMENT REACHED ON A 'COMPROMISE' FORMULA
 An agreement has been reached by the sponsoring nations on a 'compromise' formula relating to the admission of Bangladesh into the UN. The sponsoring delegations are at present engaged in last-minute consultations on the formulation which consists of three elements. One of the resolutions tabled by Yugoslavia and 22 other countries expresses the desire of the Assembly that Bangladesh should be admitted into the world body.

Another resolution sponsored by Argentina and a few others, including Iran and Turkey, expresses the desire that the parties concerned should make all possible efforts to reach a fair settlement of the pending issues and urges the return of prisoners of war in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and the relevant provisions of the Security Council Resolution last December.

The third element of the formulation is a statement to be made by the General Assembly President Stanislaw while commending the two resolutions to the unanimous acceptance of the assembly. **PM'S DIRECTIVE TO REVIEW LABOUR POLICY**
 Prime Minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has issued a directive for the review of the labour policy in the light of the provisions of the Constitution. The review will be carried out in consultation with different labour organisations. It may be recalled

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2 'members' of militant outfit Ansar-Al Islam held in Bogura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Detectives held two suspected members of banned militant outfit Ansar-Al Islam from a mosque in Baghopara area of Bogura early yesterday.

Police accused Md Iqbal Hossain, 40, and Jahedur Rahman alias Abdullah, 38, in three cases filed with Bogura Police Station under arms, explosive substances and anti-terrorism acts.

The suspects are from Brahmanpara and Debidwar upazilas of Cumilla. Police said they were members of the Dawu unit of the outfit which was formerly known as Ansarullah Bangla Team.

A team of Detective Branch (DB) officials were tipped off about their presence in the area and they held the duo with a firearm, two bullets, 475 grams of explosive powder, a sharp weapon and some

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Scientists find hidden 'super planet'



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Astronomers have discovered a cold brown dwarf – otherwise known as a "super planet" – for the first time using a radio telescope.

Brown dwarfs are vast, sized between 15 and 75 times the mass of Jupiter, and have gaseous atmospheres similar to some of the planets in our solar system. They are also often known as "failed stars" because of the way that they shine.

Planets shine by reflecting light, while stars shine by producing their own light. Despite being so big, brown dwarfs are not able to sustain the nuclear fusion of hydrogen into helium – which causes stars to shine – hence their name.

This brown dwarf, classified BDR J1750+3809 and named "Elegast", is the first substellar object

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Cancel lease of jhum land in Bandarban

Demand students in the hill district

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Several hundred students staged demonstrations in front of Bandarban Press Club yesterday demanding immediate cancellation of the lease of jhum land to an organisation for tourism purposes.

Speaking at a protest rally, students also demanded the authorities stop the "eviction of Jumma people from their ancestral land" in the name of development.

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PRAYER TIMING NOVEMBER 28
 Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
 AZAN 5-05 12-45 3-45 5-21 7-00
 JAMAAT 5-40 1-15 4-00 5-24 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Two Indian soldiers killed by Pakistan forces

TNN, New Delhi

Two Army jawans were killed in ceasefire violation by Pakistan in Sunderbani Sector of Rajouri district in Jammu and Kashmir yesterday.

Naik Prem Bahadur Khatri and rifleman Sukhbir Singh were critically injured in the firing by Pakistan forces. The jawans later succumbed to injuries, said PRO defence, Jammu.

On Thursday, a junior commissioned officer of the army was killed and a civilian injured as Pakistani troops shelled and fired on forward posts and villages along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district.

Last Saturday, an Indian Army soldier was killed and three others, including two women, were injured as Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked firing on forward posts and villages in different sectors

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This road in Pratapnagar union of Satkhira's Assasuni upazila has been badly damaged for about six months since Cyclone Amphan hit the area in May, causing hardships for local people. A large area of the union is still submerged due to entry of water through some breaches in the Kopotakho and Kholpetua river embankments.

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Trump inching towards exit

Says he'll leave if Biden wins Electoral College vote

REUTERS, Washington

US President Donald Trump said on Thursday he will leave the White House if the Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden, the closest he has come to conceding the November 3 election, even as he repeated unfounded claims of massive voter fraud.

Speaking to reporters on the Thanksgiving holiday, Republican Trump said if Democrat Biden - who is due to be sworn in on January 20 - is formally declared the winner by the Electoral College, he will depart the White House.

Asked if he would leave the White House if the Electoral College votes for Biden, Trump said: "Certainly I will. Certainly I will. And you know that."

But Trump said it would be hard for him to concede because "we know there was massive fraud."

"It was a rigged election ... at the highest level," Trump insisted in a sometimes rambling discourse at the White House, while continuing to offer no concrete evidence of widespread voting irregularities.

It was the first time Trump has taken questions from reporters since Election Day, and at times he turned combative.

In the United States, a candidate becomes president by securing the most "electoral" votes rather than by winning a majority of the national popular vote. Electors, allotted to the 50 states and the District of Columbia largely based on their population, are party loyalists who pledge to support the candidate who won the popular vote in their state.

Biden won the election with 306 Electoral College votes - many more than the 270 required - to Trump's 232, and

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