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# Top Iranian nuke scientist assassinated

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

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An Iranian nuclear scientist long suspected by the West of masterminding a secret atomic weapons programme was assassinated near Tehran yesterday, Iranian state media reported.



Mohsen Fakhrizadeh died of injuries in hospital after armed assassins fired on his car, Iranian media reported.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has claimed there were "serious indications of (an) Israeli role" in the assassination of the nuclear scientist.

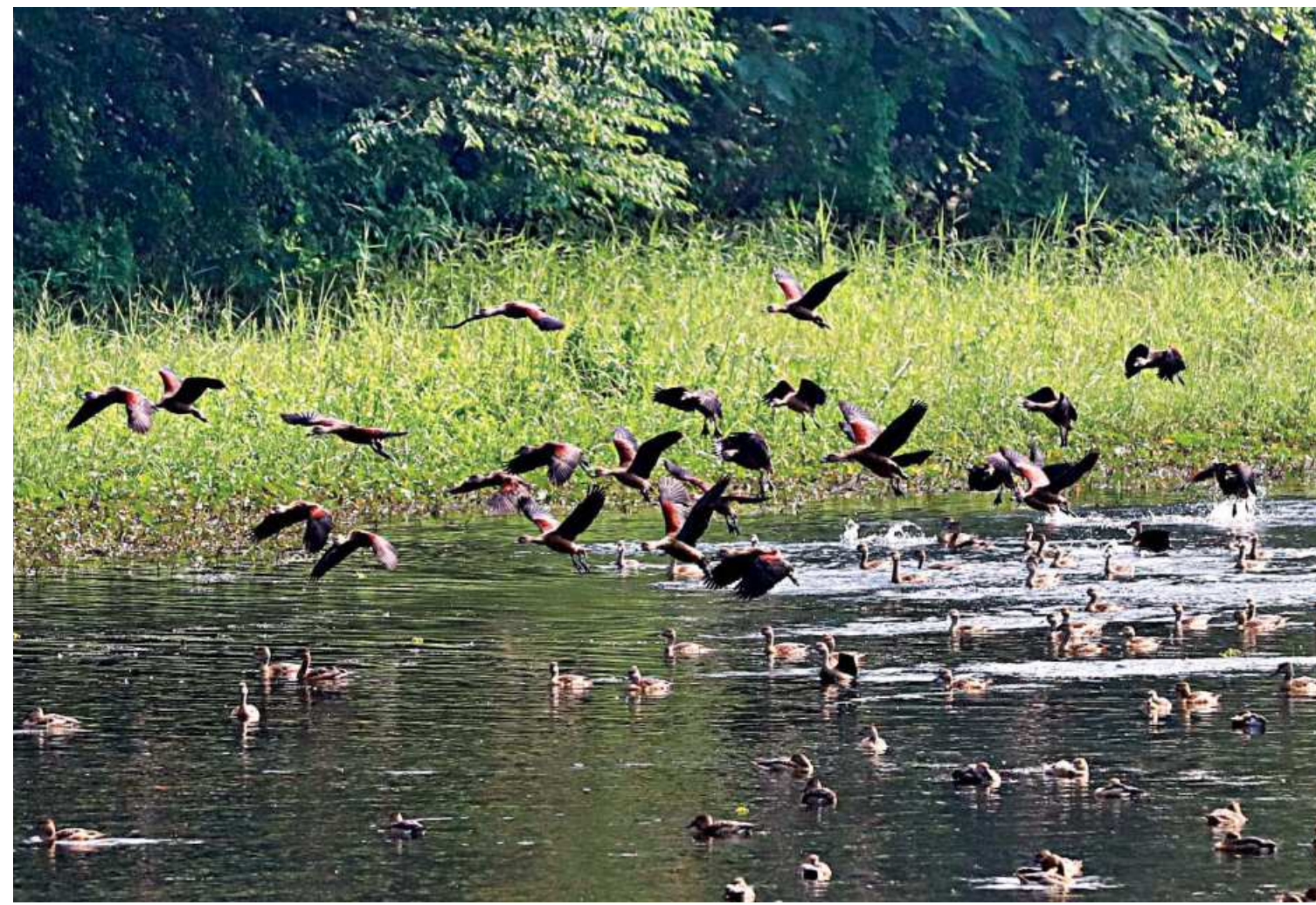
"Terrorists murdered an eminent Iranian scientist today. This cowardice -- with serious indications of Israeli role -- shows desperate warmongering of perpetrators," Zarif wrote on Twitter.

He also called on the international community to "end their shameful double standards and condemn this act of state terror."

Israel declined to immediately comment on the killing. Fakhrizadeh has long been described by Western, Israeli and Iranian exile foes of Iran's clerical rulers as a leader of a covert atomic bomb programme halted in 2003. Iran has long denied seeking to weaponise nuclear energy.

"Unfortunately, the medical team did not succeed

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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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# REMARK ON SCULPTURE Hefajat leader skips event amid protests

Ruling party men take to streets to bar him from attending it in Ctg

ARUN BIKASH DEY and MOSTAFA YOUSUF, Chattogram

Hundreds of Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders and activists took to the streets in Chattogram to prevent Hefajat leader Mamunul Haque from attending an event in Hathazari yesterday evening.

Mamunul, joint secretary general of Hefajat e Islam, angered many after reportedly speaking against the sculptures of Bangabandhu.

He didn't attend the event "for the sake of peace", Hefajat chief Junaid Babunagari said.

Law enforcers remained vigilant in the upazila to maintain law and order.

Several hundred BCL leaders and activists went to Airport Road in Patenga around 10:00am. At a rally held there, Mohiuddin Bachchu, convener of Chattogram City Jubo League, said Mamunul would be resisted in Chattogram.

Chittagong University BCL activists

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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.

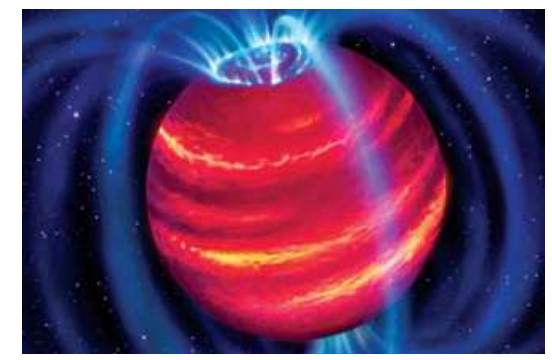
Police accused Md Iqbal Hossain, 40, and Jahedur Rahman alias Abdullah, 38, in three cases filed with Bogura Police Station under arms, explosive substances and anti-terrorist acts.

The suspects are from Brahmanpara and Debidwar upazilas of Cumilla. Police said they were members of the Dawat 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'



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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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# KSA-led forces bomb Yemen rebel sites

AFP, Sanaa

The Saudi-led military coalition in Yemen bombed rebel camps including in the capital Sanaa yesterday, witnesses and AFP correspondents said, days after the Huthis attacked an oil facility in Saudi Arabia.

Several coalition air strikes targeted Huthi military camps in Sanaa, as well as the city of Amran north of the capital, and the western port region of Hodeida, the sources said.

No casualties were immediately confirmed.

"We woke up today to raids and the sound of large

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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

# Stronger co-op needed among S Asian nations

Says FM on climate change adaptation

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has called for stronger collaboration between the South Asian countries for an effective implementation of adaptation activities.

He was addressing a virtual meeting, organised by the Global Centre on Adaptation (GCA) on Thursday, on setting strategic policies and finalising the work programme of GCA's regional office for South Asia.

The minister appreciated the support of the South Asian countries for the establishment of GCA's regional office in Dhaka.

Momen underscored GCA's contribution towards driving international ambition on adaptation and strengthening the partnerships that are critical to the commitments made in the Paris Agreement on addressing climate change.

He said Bangladesh was

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This road in Prapatnagar 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.

PHOTO: DIPANKAR ROY

# 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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