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The body of a 28-year-old Pakistani journalist was found in his home in Lahore, Pakistan on Friday.

The Pakistani police stated the journalist, Faisal Qureshi, who was working for a London-based online site, The London Post, was murdered on Friday in the early morning.

Zahid Ahmed, a brother of the deceased, told police his brother had been "receiving threats" and "was a victim of targeted killing". He did not accuse anyone specifically.

Investigators have said the journalist was found with visible torture marks, as well as numerous stab wounds.

Zahid told police he hurried to his brother's place late Thursday after his brother failed to answer his phone. Police have stated Faisal's laptop computer and phone were missing at the scene of the crime.

The independent New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) called on Friday for an independent inquiry into the death.

Indian singer Jagjit Singh dies at 70

Indian *Ghazal* singer Jagjit Singh died yesterday at 8.10 am due to a brain haemorrhage at the age of 70.

He was admitted in the Lilavati Hospital and Research Centre in Mumbai just before he was scheduled to perform with another Ghazal singer, Ghulam Ali two weeks before on September 23. He underwent a surgery on the same day, but didn't recover and was put on life support. His death is currently the top story in most Indian and Pakistani news agencies' websites, showing how popular he was within the region.

Study: Birds learn nest building

According to a recent study, birds learn the skill of building nests during their lifetimes, as opposed to instinctively knowing how to build them. The findings were made by researchers from various universities within Scotland — Edinburgh, St Andrews, and Glasgow.

The researchers examined footage of the Southern Masked Weaver recorded by scientists in Botswana, Africa. The species was picked due to its tendency to build numerous grass nests during the breeding season.

During the study, which had Leverhume Trust funding, it was noted that each individual bird has a tendency to vary their technique in nest building, and that some birds built nests from right to left and some vice versa. The researchers also discovered that as birds gain more experience, they drop fewer blades of grass. This indicates that birds learn how to build nests over time, as opposed to the theory of them being aware of how to perform such a task immediately.

Dr. Patrick Walsh of the University of Edinburgh has explained: "If birds built their nests according to a genetic template, you would expect all birds to build their nests the same way each time. However this was not the case. Southern Masked Weaver birds displayed strong variations in their approach, revealing a clear role for experience. Even for birds, practice makes perfect."

The study was published in the journal Behavioural Processes.

On this day-October 11

1797 – Battle of Camperdown: Naval battle between Royal Navy and Royal Netherlands Navy during the French Revolutionary Wars. The outcome of the battle was a decisive British victory.

1809 – Along the Natchez Trace in Tennessee, explorer Meriwether Lewis dies under mysterious circumstances at an inn called Grinder's Stand.

1811 – Inventor John Stevens' boat, the Juliana, begins operation as the first steam-powered ferry (service between New York, New York, and Hoboken, New Jersey).

1833 – A big demonstration at the gates of the legislature of Buenos Aires forces the ousting of governor Juan Ramón Balcarce and his replacement with Juan José Viamonte.

1852 – The University of Sydney, Australia's oldest university, is inaugurated in Sydney.

1862 – American Civil War: In the aftermath of the Battle of Antietam,

Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart and his men loot Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, during a raid into the north.

1864 – Campina Grande, Brazil is established as a city.

1865 – Paul Bogle led hundreds of black men and women in a march in Jamaica, starting the Morant Bay rebellion.

1890 – In Washington, DC, the Daughters of the American Revolution is founded.

1899 – Second Boer War begins: In South Africa, a war between the United Kingdom and the Boers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State erupts.

1899 – The Western League is renamed the American League.

1906 – San Francisco public school board sparks United States diplomatic crisis with Japan by ordering Japanese students to be taught in racially segregated schools.

1910 – Former President Theodore Roosevelt becomes the first U.S. president to fly in an airplane. He flew for four minutes with Arch Hoxsey in a plane built by the Wright Brothers at Kinloch Field (Lambert-St. Louis International Airport), St. Louis, Missouri.

1912 – First Balkan War: The Greek Army liberates the city of Kozani.

1929 – JC Penney opens store #1252 in Milford, Delaware, making it a nationwide company with stores in all 48 U.S. states.

1941 – Beginning of the National Liberation War of Macedonia.

1942 – World War II: Battle of Cape Esperance – On the northwest coast of Guadalcanal, United States Navy ships intercept and defeat a Japanese fleet on their way to reinforce troops on the island.

1944 – Tuvianian People's Republic or formerly Tannu Tuva is annexed by the U.S.S.R

1950 – Television: CBS's mechanical color system is the first to be licensed for broadcast by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission.

1954 – First Indochina War: The Viet Minh take control of North Vietnam.

1957 – Space Race: M.I.T. scientists calculate Sputnik I's booster rocket's orbit.

1958 – Pioneer program: NASA launches the lunar probe Pioneer 1 (the probe falls back to Earth and burns up).

1962 – Second Vatican Council: Pope John XXIII convenes the first ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church in 92 years.

1968 – Apollo program: NASA launches Apollo 7, the first successful manned Apollo mission, with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn F. Eisele and Walter Cunningham aboard.

1972 – A race riot occurs on the United States Navy aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk off the coast of Vietnam during Operation Linebacker.

1975 – The NBC sketch comedy/variety show Saturday Night Live debuts with George Carlin as the host and Andy Kaufman, Janis Ian and Billy Preston as guests.

1976 – George Washington's appointment, posthumously, to the grade of General of the Armies of the United States by congressional joint resolution Public Law 94-479 is approved by President Gerald R. Ford.

1982 – The Mary Rose, a Tudor carrack which sank on July 19 1545, is salvaged from the sea bed of the Solent, off Portsmouth.

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1984 - Aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger, astronaut Kathryn D. Sullivan becomes the first American woman to perform a space walk.
1986 - Cold War: U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev meet in Reykjavík, Iceland, in an effort to continue discussions about scaling back their intermediate missile arsenals in Europe.
1987 - Start of Operation Pawan by Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka that killed few thousand ethnic Tamil civilians, several hundred Tamil Tigers and few hundred Indian Army soldiers.
1996 - Pala accident: a wood lorry and school bus collide in Jõgeva county, Estonia, killing eight children.
2000 - NASA launches STS-92, the 100th Space Shuttle mission, using Space Shuttle Discovery.
2001 - The Polaroid Corporation files for federal bankruptcy protection.
2002 - A bomb attack in a shopping mall in Vantaa, Finland kills seven.

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Red-legged Seriema (young bird left, adult right) at the Tiergarten Schönbrunn in Vienna

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Quote of the day

I distrust all dead and mechanical formulas for expressing anything connected with human affairs and human personalities. Putting human affairs in exact formulas shows in itself a lack of the sense of humor and therefore a lack of wisdom.

林語堂

~ Lin Yutang ~

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Word of the day

beefcake *n*

(informal) Imagery of one or more muscular, well-built men.

(informal) A muscular, well-built, desirable man.

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