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**BODY:**

An exiled Iranian opposition leader died in a hail of bullets Tuesday at his home, police said. His supporters accused Iranian agents of carrying out an assassination.

Cyrus **Elahi**, 46, died from several bullets to the head after one or more gunmen opened fire on him in the hallway of his apartment building in the chic 15th arrondissement, police said.

The assassins fled and have not been captured. They appeared familiar with **Elahi's** habits, police said.

**Elahi** was a director of the Flag of Freedom Organization of **Iran** and a supporter of the late Shah of **Iran**. The organization is opposed to the Islamic regime that has ruled **Iran** since 1979.

The organization issued a communique accusing "the terrorists of the Islamic Republic of **Iran**" of carrying out the attack.

A member of the group, founded in 1986, claimed that other members have been targeted by Iranian assassination squads. He offered no proof.

**Elahi** was a former professor of political sciences at Tehran University before fleeing to France in the wake of the Islamic revolution.

The Flag of Freedom Organization of **Iran** bills itself as the "sole democratic organization active inside **Iran**."