

Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico 'fighting for his life' in surgery

Slovak Prime Minister, Robert Fico, is still undergoing surgery and is in an "extraordinarily serious" condition following an assassination attempt, according to official statements.

Slovakia's Prime Minister Robert Fico is receiving medical care at Banska Bystrica Hospital, where he was airlifted after being targeted in an attack.

The populist leader was shot multiple times and gravely wounded on Wednesday after a political event in an attempted assassination.

Interior Minister Matus Sutaj Estok said that a suspect was in custody and that initial investigations indicated "a clear political motivation" behind the assassination attempt.

Local media has released a photograph of the suspect, identified as 71-year-old writer Juraj Cintula.

Fico has previously expressed support for Russian President Vladimir Putin and is currently pushing for a contentious reform of Slovakia's public radio and television services.

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