



NCR WATCH DESK

SUNRISE BRIEF, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

I. WEATHER

- **Today:** 80% chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow, mainly before noon. High 48°. Low 23°.



II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

- **NCR:** Seasonal flu activity is increasing. There have been 230 positive flu cases in Maryland and one adult died due to the illness. Virginia has confirmed 29 cases and DC has reported 24 confirmed flu cases. According to health officials, Maryland is among two states where flu activity is geographically widespread. [Link](#)
- **Montgomery County:** A school bus manufacturer recalled 53,000 buses out of an abundance of caution due to seat backs not having enough padding to protect passengers during a crash. Out of the 1,300 Montgomery County buses, 800 are affected. The county is working with the manufacturer to address the needed repairs. [Link](#)

United States

- **West Virginia:** Two people were injured during a house explosion in Charles Town that destroyed the home. Nearby homeowners reported minor damage from the blast. The cause of the explosion is under investigation. [Link](#)

- **Chicago:** An American Eagle flight slid off the runway at Chicago O'Hare International Airport due to snow and wind conditions. There were no reported injuries to the 38 passengers and three crew members. More than 900 flights heading to or leaving O'Hare and Midway Airports were canceled due to weather conditions. [Link](#)

World

- **Bangladesh:** Sixteen people died and more than 40 others were injured after two trains collided on the same track going in opposite directions, east of the Dhaka capital. Train accidents are common in Bangladesh due to unsupervised railway crossings, poor signaling, and bad track conditions. The accident is under investigation. [Link](#)
- **Iran:** A 5.9 magnitude earthquake hit the East Azerbaijan Province killing five people and injuring another 330. Three villages in the area were destroyed and there have been more than 50 aftershocks. Emergency and evaluation teams are assisting in the area. In November 2018, an earthquake struck the Iran-Iraq border and killed 361 people. [Link](#)



A car lays smashed by debris from an earthquake in Varankesh village (Source: CNN)

- **Israel:** In retaliation for an Israeli airstrike which killed a senior Islamic Jihad commander early on Tuesday, militants fired 50 rockets from the Gaza Strip, a self-governing Palestinian territory, into the country. This is the most serious escalation of violence in recent months. [Link](#)