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AND TO IMMEDIATE MODUK, ISLAMABAD, DHAKA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY (ACTIONED),
CALCUTTA (ACTIONED) AND MADRAS (ACTIONED).

NY TELNO 841: MRS GANDHI

1. THE PRESS TRUST OF INDIA HAVE NOW CONFIRMED THAT MRS GANDHI DIED AS A RESULT OF THE INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT THIS MORNING. THIS IS CONFIRMED BY A MEMBER OF MY STAFF WHO CALLED AT THE HOSPITAL. NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT.
2. THE CABINET ARE REPORTED TO BE MEETING INFORMALLY AT THE HOSPITAL, AND TO BE PLANNING AN EMERGENCY SESSION LATER THIS AFTERNOON.
3. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT APPOINTMENT OF AN ACTING PRIME MINISTER. THE SENIOR GOVERNMENT MINISTER IS PRANAB MUKHERJEE, MINISTER OF FINANCE.
4. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW. DETAILS ARE LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE CABINET.

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