

A Memorial Tribute

to

Mrs. Indira Gandhi

will be held

on Friday, 2 November 1984

at 1:00 p.m.

in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium.

Speakers will include

the Consul General of India

and Distinguished Representatives

of the Permanent Missions

to the United Nations.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN STATEMENT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
MOURNS LOSS OF INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI

Following is the text of a statement made to the General Assembly this morning by Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar:

We meet today in the shadow of a great tragedy. In the death of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, India has lost a great and courageous leader and the international community a wise and dedicated citizen of the world. I speak with deep personal grief as one who knew and worked with Mrs. Gandhi and greatly appreciated her remarkable qualities.

Throughout her long and distinguished career, Mrs. Gandhi was a highly respected figure at the United Nations, which she supported staunchly. Following in the tradition of her illustrious father, Pandit Nehru, she represented, on the international scene, the spirit of moderation, tolerance and understanding. Many of us recall vividly her statements as Chairperson of the Non-Aligned Summit in Delhi last year and, later, in the General Assembly, as models of the kind of principled realism which is so vitally needed in our world today.

The eminent international role of Indira Gandhi stemmed from her mission as a leader of the world's largest democracy. We have followed with admiration her untiring efforts to guide and promote the peaceful evolution of her great and ancient country. In that infinitely complex and difficult endeavour she has now given her life.

Once again the world stands aghast at a shocking act of political violence. The assassination of Prime Minister Gandhi brings home to us once more the absolute necessity of turning away from and rejecting such methods.

I wish to extend to Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and the family, to the Government and to the people of India my heartfelt sympathy and condolences in their great loss, in which we at the United Nations fully share.

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Tribute paid by Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury,
Deputy Permanent Representative of Bangladesh
to the United Nations on the occasion of peace-
meditation in memory of late Prime Minister of
India Mrs. Indira Gandhi on 2 November, 1984:

"We express our deep sorrow and intense anguish at the tragic demise of Her Excellency Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi. We find no language adequate to condemn such dastardly act of violence.

Her Excellency, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, through her wisdom and statesmanship, provided an exemplary leadership to the Third World and particularly to the Movement of the Non-Aligned Countries. Her contributions to the promotion of world peace and development is recognised by all with great appreciation. We, in Bangladesh, particularly recall with deep gratitude her role in the War of Independence of Bangladesh.

The Government and the People of Bangladesh convey to the Government and the People of India their deepest condolences and sympathy on this sad occasion and share their grief on this irreparable loss".



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* Copy of Mr. Yadav K. Silwal's speech at the
Meditation Center.

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AMB. SIKWAL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The untimely death of Prime Minister Mrs, Indira Gandhi has left us all in a state of shock. Her long and illustrious career of dedication and public service came to a sudden and tragic halt by the hands of her assassins. Today, we mourn her death and remember her for what she was, a great leader and an inspiration to many of us.

Mrs. Gandhi ^{grew up} was born in an atmosphere of selfless dedication to the people of India. From the very beginning she was involved in the struggle for freedom and the task of rebuilding the nation. When she became the Prime Minister, Mrs Gandhi had acquired a philosophy of life, the essence of which was to work relentlessly for the development of the people of India. She was tireless in her pursuit to make India prosperous and to bring about favourable conditions for social and economic justice. In a complex society she was a courageous leader who fought against bigotry and narrow minded approaches to social issues. In international affairs she was a champion of peace and security among nations, ⁱⁿ the world. In her passing away India has lost a great leader and the world a great statesman.

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MAY I, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC CONVEY OUR PROFOUND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF INDIA ON THE TRAGIC LOSS OF MADAME INDIRA GANDHI. THAT NAME THAT HAD GREAT LUSTRE AND CHARM, THAT NAME WITH THE VOICE THAT HAD FILLED THE WORLD WITH HOPE, TRANQUILITY, WISDOM AND LOVE. SHE WAS A GREAT LEADER, A GREAT STATESMAN AND A GREAT HUMANITARIAN. THE PEOPLE OF INDIA HAVE LOST HER. WE HAVE LOST HER. THE WHOLE WORLD HAS LOST AN ARTICULATE CHAMPION FOR WORLD PEACE AND FREEDOM. THE NAME OF INDIRA WILL ALWAYS BE A SYNONYM FOR LEADERSHIP. HER NAME WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR MINDS AND HEARTS. IT WILL BE A SONG FOR US, FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. OUR COUNTRY HAS DECLARED THREE DAYS OF MOURNING AND OUR FLAG HAS BEEN FLOWN HALF-MAST IN HONOUR OF THIS GREAT ^{Lady} LEADER ~~LEADER~~ GOD BLESS HER SOUL, AND BLESS HER FAMILY AND HER BELOVED ^{ones} WITH CALM AND TRANQUILITY.

MALAYSIA

H.E. Mr. Zain-Azraai
Permanent Representative to the UN

MESSAGE:

The tragic death of Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, deeply shocked and saddened the government and people of Malaysia. But we also remember that she had lived her life fully and gloriously in the service of her country and her people and, indeed, of the world beyond. Individuals of culture and sensitivity in high public office are always a joy to behold. Mrs. Gandhi belonged to that select company and, both as a remarkable human being and as a decisive political leader, she will now be an indelible part of the rich history of India. The values which India stands for and which she had enriched - democracy, secularism, social justice and non-alignment --are also imperishable monuments to her memory.

We mourn with the people of India in their tragic loss. We hope that they will find consolation in the knowledge that their sense of loss is felt well beyond India's shores.

MALTA

H.E. Mr. Victor J. Gauci
Permanent Representative to the UN

MESSAGE

Malta deeply regrets the tragic death of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

She was a dedicated servant of her people, and of the cause of peace. We
pray that her inspiring ideals will continue to guide India in the future.

November 5, 1984


To

Ms. Tooker
United Nations (Room No.S-3060)

I send herewith a copy of the statement made by Mr. R. S. Rathore, counsellor, in our Mission, at the U.N. on Nov.2nd during the memorial service for late Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

You would remember having called me on the phone on Friday last for this copy of the statement.

Regards,


(Anantharaman)
Secretary to Mr.R.S.
Rathore

On behalf of the Government and people of India,
I should like to express my profound gratitude to all
present here and to the distinguished speakers for the
kind words of sympathy and solace they have conveyed,
and the tribute they have paid to our departed leader.
Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

The tragedy that has befallen our nation is enormous.
The news of her assassination has been received with deep
shock and dismay by the people as a whole. The entire
nation is plunged in grief - a grief which is shared all
over the world. Your support will help us sustain ourselves
in this hour of travail.

Mrs. Gandhi has been done to death by a brutal and
despicable act which has been universally condemned. She has
made the supreme sacrifice of her life in the service of
our country and in the cause of the unity and integrity of
the Indian nation.

In her passing away, the people of India have lost a
trusted, beloved, courageous and enlightened leader. The
world has lost a statesman of far-sighted vision, a true
champion of the weak, the vulnerable and the oppressed,
and an indomitable fighter for freedom, justice and peace.

Mrs. Indira Gandhi is no longer with us. But her spirit will endure to inspire us. Her memory will light our way in the coming years.

I should once again like to thank the distinguished speakers for the condolences and for the sentiments that they have expressed. These shall be duly conveyed to the Government and people of India as well as to the members of the bereaved family.

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We believe and we hold that each man has the potentiality of reaching the Ultimate Truth. We also believe that man cannot and will not remain imperfect forever. Each man is an instrument of God. When the hour strikes, each individual soul listens to the inner dictates of God. When man listens to God, his imperfections are turned into perfections, his ignorance into knowledge, his searching mind into revealing light and his uncertain reality into all-fulfilling Divinity.

Dear Secretary-General:

Not only we Indians but the entire world is shocked beyond words by the tragic, brutal assassination of our national leader, Mrs. Gandhi.

On Friday, 2 November, we are holding a condolence meeting for our beloved Prime Minister from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium. We would be extremely grateful if you could come to our meeting for a few minutes and share your feelings with us.

If you are unable to attend, we would deeply appreciate it if you could send us a brief message which we could read out during the meeting.

Yours in the Supreme,

Sri Chinmoy
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**His Excellency Javier Perez de Cuellar
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York**

Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations is an association of United Nations delegates, staff, NGO representatives and accredited press correspondents holding bi-weekly peace meditations and other programmes at the United Nations Headquarters.