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## CANADA DEPLORES ASSASSINATION OF RAJIV GANDHI

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today made the following statement:

"It is with deep regret that I learned today of the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi during election campaigning in the state of Tamil Nadu. I know I speak for all Canadians in deploring this senseless violence and in extending our sincerest condolences to the Gandhi family, which once again has fallen victim to the brutality of an assassin. Canada and the Commonwealth have lost a valued and respected friend.

The Government of Canada and, I'm sure, all those interested in democracy around the world, profoundly hope that this tragic event will not undermine democracy in India at this sensitive time."

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