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**PRIME MINISTER'S
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TO FLASH ALGIERS

TELEGRAM NUMBER 84 OF 5 MAY.

TEHRAN TELNO. 290: DEATH OF ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER ABDELGHANI FROM ME AS SOON AS THE ALGERIANS CONFIRM M. BENYAHIA'S DEATH.
BEGINS: I WAS DISTRESSED TO HEAR THE SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF M. BENYAHIA. I REGRET THAT I HAD NOT HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING HIM BUT I KNOW THAT HE WAS HELD HERE IN HIGH REGARD. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES, AND CONVEY MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND THE FAMILIES OF HIS COLLEAGUES. ENDS.
2. PLEASE ALSO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BENDJEDID FROM MRS THATCHER. BEGINS: I WAS SHOCKED AND DEEPLY SADDENED TO HEAR OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF M. BENYAHIA IN AN AIR CRASH ON 3 MAY. WE ALL GREATLY RESPECT HIM. ALGERIA HAS LOST A GREAT PATRIOT. I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO HIS FAMILY AND THE FAMILIES OF HIS COLLEAGUES. ENDS.
3. DO YOU KNOW WHAT OTHER MFA OFFICIALS WERE WITH HIM?

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