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YOUR TELNO 867: UK SIKH REACTION TO MRS GANDHI'S MURDER

1. HIPT: FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF REMARKS MADE BY CHAUHAN, BROADCAST ON VARIOUS TV NEWS PROGRAMME ON 31 OCTOBER.

2. BBC TV NEWS AT 1800:

QUOTE 'IT WAS HER (MRS GANDHI'S) DUE, SHE DESERVED IT, AND I SAID IT ON 13TH JUNE IN THIS ROOM TO THE WHOLE PRESS, THAT ANYBODY WHO HAS INVADDED THE SACRED PLACE OF THE SIKHS, HAS NEVER BEEN ALLOWED TO LIVE A LIFE. I DON'T THINK ANY SIKH WAS JUST ... GOING TO GIVE ... UST LYING DOWN. I MEAN, SOMETHING HAD TO HAPPEN, BUT I AM SURPRISED IT HAPPENED AFTER FIVE MONTHS.' UNQUOTE.

3. BBC TV NEWS AT 2100: (REBROADCAST OF CHAUHAN'S STATEMENT IN JUNE)

QUOTE 'LET ANYBODY WHO HAS DONE ANY SACRILEGE TO THE HOLY PLACE OF THE SIKHS, HE MUST NEVER ALLOW TO LIVE. AND I AM AFRAID VERY SOON YOU WILL SEE THAT SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE, WILL KILL MRS GANDHI, HER WHOLE FAMILY.' UNQUOTE.

4. CHANNEL 4 TV NEWS AT 1900. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH CHAUHAN:

CHAUHAN: SIKHS WILL NEVER FORGET IT, WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO THEM AND IT IS STILL NOT OVER, IT IS ONLY THE BEGINNING...

INTERVIEWER: SO WHO ELSE IS A TARGET? IS MRS GANDHI'S SON A TARGET FOR EXAMPLE?

CHAUHAN: ... I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT HE'S DEFINITELY A TARGET AND HE SHOULD BE CAREFUL, I TELL YOU.

INTERVIEWER: WHAT ABOUT THE PRESIDENT WHO IS HIMSELF A SIKH?

CHAUHAN: I THINK THE PRESIDENT MAY NOT BE THE IMMEDIATE AIM BUT IF HE APOLOGISES, IF HE SATISFIES THE SIKHS THAT HE WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDERING THIS ATTACK, GOES TO ? CALCUTTA (? INDISTINCT) AND APOLOGISES FROM THE WHOLE NATION, PERHAPS HE MAY BE EXCUSED.

INTERVIEWER: WHAT WILL IT ACTUALLY TAKE TO END THE VIOLENCE?

CHAUHAN: CREATION OF KHALISTAN BY VERY PEACEFUL MEANS AND GIVING SIKHS THEIR DUE. THAT IS THE ONLY SOLUTION, THERE IS NOTHING LESS THAN THAT WHICH THE SIKHS WILL ACCEPT.

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