

US citizens asked to defer non-essential travel to India

WASHINGTON, May 23: The State Department Wednesday urged Americans to defer all non-essential travel to India...

Quayle said Wednesday during a visit to Singapore that Mr Gandhi epitomised what the new generation of leadership should be in the world.



NEW DELHI: Paramilitary police baton charge angry mourners May 22 outside Teen Murti House where the body of slain former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi lies in state following his assassination the previous night by a powerful bomb blast.

Rajiv reached meeting venue 90 minutes behind schedule

Wires, battery found strapped in woman bomber's body

MADRAS (India), May 23: Police are exploring the possibility that a woman suicide bomber was responsible for the assassination of former Indian Premier Rajiv Gandhi...

said for sure about the nature of the blast." PTL said, adding that the suicide bomb theory would involve the explosive being strapped to the person's body.

dress a rally at Sriperumpudur, 40 km (25 miles) from the southern city of Madras.

woman who approached him. The investigators had also found wires, a spring and a battery apparently made in Britain, the agency said.

200 Iraqis want to leave country, seek US visas

BAGHDAD, May 23: At least 200 Iraqis, able to leave their country for the first time in almost a year, have visited the Polish Embassy seeking visas to the United States...

Kabul accepts UN plan to end war

ISLAMABAD, May 23: The Soviet-backed government in Afghanistan accepted a United Nations plan on Wednesday to end the country's 12-year-old civil war...

BRITFLY

US Congress okays \$556m for Kurds: The US Congress approved on Wednesday a 556 million dollar spending bill to meet initial costs of US relief efforts for Kurdish refugees in Iraq...

UN may monitor truce in Angola: The United Nations may take part in monitoring ceasefire conditions and the elections process in Angola, diplomats said Wednesday...

Rajiv's death a crude blow: OAU: The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Secretary-General Salim Ahmed Salim said on Wednesday the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi had robbed Africa of a committed friend...

Britain, Albania restore ties: Britain and Albania are to restore diplomatic ties after a gap of nearly 50 years, the Foreign Office announced Wednesday...

Nine killed in Sind gunbattle: Nine people were killed in a gun battle between Pakistani police and bandits on Wednesday in the Southern Province of Sind...

Suharto for Israel's existence: Indonesian President Suharto ruler of the world's largest Muslim population, said on Wednesday for the first time that any Middle East peace settlement must guarantee Israel's existence...

British dailies flay Cong bid to woo Sonia into politics

LONDON, May 23: The British press was shocked Thursday by the invitation extended by bosses of the Indian Congress (I) party to Sonia Gandhi to succeed her assassinated husband as party leader...

today she cares a lot about the orphans."

"Her mother is a devout woman and helps the poor of her own free will," he added.



NEW DELHI: A recent file photo of Sonia Gandhi, wife of slain Congress (I) Party leader former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The Italian-born widow, Mrs Gandhi, was unanimously elected president May 22 of her husband's Congress (I) Party in a meeting by the Congress Working Committee.

Amitabh receives Rahul back home

NEW DELHI, May 23: Rahul Gandhi, the teenage son of India's assassinated former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi returned home Thursday from the United States via Britain and France to attend his father's funeral...

Rajiv's killing a case of natural justice: JKLF

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, May 23: The killing of Rajiv Gandhi was a case of "natural justice", the chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) in Pakistan said Wednesday...

Death may cause realignments

NEW DELHI, May 23: The death of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was likely to force realignment of forces in India's intensely personal politics arena, reports AP.

India is beset by deadly ethnic insurgencies and religious and caste struggles. The immediate beneficiary of any breakdown within Congress would be the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party...

Janata Dal blasts security lapses

NEW DELHI, May 23: The Janata Dal today criticised the security lapses leading to the assassination of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and said the moral responsibility for this tragic security failure developed directly on the Prime Minister...

But it was not clear if the Italian-born widow would remain party leader if Congress returns to power. She has show no political ambition nor interest beyond campaigning for her husband.

Off the Record Queenmania grips Dallas

DALLAS: Queen Elizabeth II arrived in Dallas on Tuesday after a visit to the Alamo River, where Texans fought for their independence from Mexico, reports AP.

Allies loot 'priceless object': Iraq

PARIS: Iraq has asked the United Nations cultural agency UNESCO to help it recover "priceless object", it says were looted by allied forces which occupied the country after the Gulf War...

And now 'X-ray' spectacles in HK

HONG KONG: Hong Kong, home of the gadget, has now come up with an unusual optical aid, a pair of "X-ray" spectacles that reach parts in censored pornographic films that the authorities would rather people didn't see...