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TAGS: PGOV, PK, PREL  
SUBJECT: SITREP 1: BHUTTO KILLED BY RALLY BOMB BLAST

REF: KARACHI 728

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (C) At about 1800 hours (local) December 27, Benazir Bhutto suffered fatal injuries while departing a campaign rally outside of Rawalpindi. Initial reports from the scene stated a suicide bomber, carrying four kilos of explosives, approached Bhutto's vehicle as she was getting in to depart. Bhutto was rushed to Rawalpindi General Hospital, where she was declared dead within minutes after arrival, possibly while in surgery. As many as 20 other PPP supporters were killed and 42 injured.

2. (C) Comment: It is unclear how the public, especially PPP

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supporters, will react, but there are early reports of sporadic street violence in Lahore and Rawalpindi, cars being burned and posters torn down. Embassy and Consulates will hold immediate EAC meetings at 2000 hours (local). The British High Commission has decided to close its Karachi mission tomorrow (December 28). End comment.

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