

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENTS' FUNERAL ON SUNDAY
NEW DELHI JAMA MASJID FINAL RESTING PLACE

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The body of the late President, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, will be buried at a place adjoining the New Delhi Jama Masjid near the Parliament House on Sunday, February 13, 1977.

The arrangements for the funeral of the late President, were finalised today by the Government.

The Lying in State of the body of the late President at the Durbar Hall in Rashtrapati Bhavan will close at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday. The entry of the public will be closed at 6.00 p.m. today.

The Nama z-e-Janaza will be held in Mughal Gardens on Sunday. Foreign dignitaries and representatives of the Diplomatic Corps can join the Namaz. The body of the late President will be taken to Mughal Gardens at 1330 hours for the Namaz-e-Janaza. After the Namaz, it will be brought back to the Darbar Hall at 1410 hours and will be brought down the front steps of the Rashtrapati Bhavan at 1415 hours. National Anthem will be played and the President's Body Guard will give the national salute.

The body will then be placed on a Gun Carriage and army units will be marching with the Gun Carriage. This will be followed by the cars in which the Chief mourners will be travelling. Cars of the President, the Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Chief Justice of India, Cabinet Ministers and Governors and Chief Ministers of States will follow. The number of cars in the carcade will be about 50. Special carcade labels are being issued to facilitate the formation of the carcade. Those who are to join the carcade should reach

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Rashtrapati Bhavan and assemble in the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan by 1345 hours. As soon as the Gun Carriage starts moving, the VIPs will take their place in the Carcade. The procession will proceed to the iron gate which it will reach at 1430 hours.

The route of the procession will be along Rajpath, Janpath, inner circle of Connaught Place (anti-clock wise) and then Parliament Street.

On reaching Patel Chowk, all cars excepting those of the principal mourners, the President and the Prime Minister will leave the procession and proceed along Ashoka Road, Pt. Pant Marg, Talkatora Road and reach Parliament House compound where the dignitaries will alight and proceed to the place of burial.

The principal mourners, the President and the Prime Minister will alight in front of Transport Bhavan and walk to the place of burial along with the procession. The procession will reach the burial place at 1600 hours. The President's Body Guard will form a line behind and give a salute and ~~proceed on and disappear.~~ The Chiefs of Staff will stay with the body.

The body will be carried by the Military pal-bearers to the place of burial. After the body is lowered into the grave, the family members and friends, VIPs, foreign dignitaries and members of the Diplomatic Corps from Muslim countries will sprinkle earth on the grave. The grave will then be made up and the Fateha declared at about 1630 hours. Then the last post will be sounded and the Gun salute given.

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