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SOUTH KOREA: Military Consolidates Authority

With the removal of the top levels of the civilian government and the detention of its strongest opponents, the Martial Law Command now holds the reins of power. [REDACTED]

The military yesterday prevented the National Assembly from convening and voting on a motion to lift martial law. Military authorities probably will fill the vacuum created by the resignation of the cabinet yesterday with a new cabinet more to its liking or a military commission. [REDACTED]

Some politicians have been arrested on charges of corruption, [REDACTED]

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Seoul has remained calm, but in Kwangju in the southwestern part of the country, large-scale, violent demonstrations occurred last night and this morning.

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The Supreme Court's decision to uphold the death sentence of Kim Jae Kyu, self-confessed assassin of President Park [REDACTED]

Execution by hanging is expected within five days of confirmation by the Martial Law Command. [REDACTED]

Meanwhile, North Korea has criticized Seoul's decision last weekend to extend martial law nationwide and denounced Army strongman Chon Doo Hwan for suppressing political dissent. Pyongyang, however, disavowed any intention to interfere in the South. [REDACTED]

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