

# Bangladesh comes into being

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The sovereign state of Bangladesh, the dream of 75 million, has come into being. The barbarous Pakistan Army which had let loose a reign of terror in the fertile soil of Bangladesh for the last nine months, unconditionally surrendered to the allied forces of India and Mukti Bahini in Dacca on Thursday this bringing to an end of a chapter of this delicate region by West Pakistan.

The flag of Bangladesh was hoisted on rooftops and buildings, concern soon after the news of surrender of the Pakistan Army was spread. The new state which has already received recognition from its great neighbour and friendly state of India and the mountain kingdom of Bhutan is expected to get similar recognition from other countries who believe in the right of humanity to the oppressed people.

## Recognition by other countries

(Recognition of Bangladesh by the United Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR), Poland and many other western countries are likely to be given any day. It may be mentioned here that Soviet Union extended all possible diplomatic and moral support to the cause

of Bangladesh in the UN and outside.

According to an agency report the State Department of the US has announced that the US Government was ready to send assistance for rehabilitation and reconstruction in Bangladesh.

The UK Government has instructed its Deputy High Commissioner in Dacca to contact Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmad and the Bangladesh representatives to assess the assistance required by the war-torn new country.

The people of Bangladesh are indebted to the great nation India, said Khondakar M. Mustafiz, the Minister for Interior of Bangladesh for his active support to the liberation struggle also for giving shelter to one crore of the Bangladesh who took refuge in India after being oppressed in their own home by the brute Pakistan Army.

The Pakistan Army it may be recalled killed a million of people in Bangladesh, since March 26 last. During the nine-month long agony, the Pakistan Army made millions of children orphans, women and thousands of women were kidnapped, ravaged and killed. During this period the lives were under severe restriction and freedom of expression completely gagged.

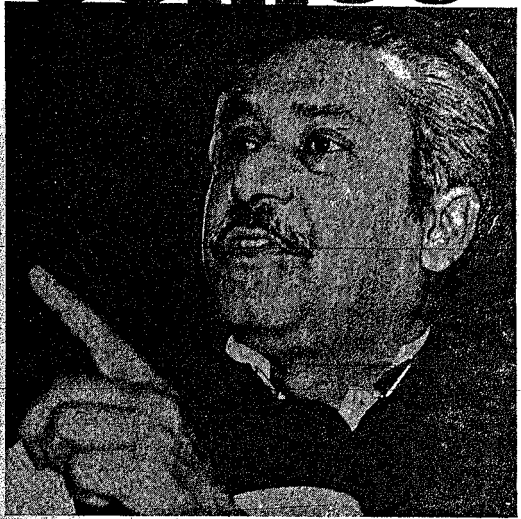
The people of Bangladesh are in revolt against the tyrannical rule of West Pakistan when the Pakistan Government treacherously nullified the election held in 1970. The Awami League returned as the majority party in the National Assembly of the country formerly named Pakistan. The President of Pakistan General Yahya Khan kept the (Continued on page 4 col. 5)

## Tajuddin calls for restraint

Tajuddin Ahmad, Prime Minister of Bangladesh in a radio broadcast over the Bangladesh Radio Kendra has advised the people of Bangladesh not to take law into their own hands. In this connection he also has said that the collaborators and the conspirators would be tried in course of time. He has also said that the task of reconstruction and rebuilding must start forthwith.



Mr. Indira Gandhi



Sheikh Mujibur Rahman the great leader of the Bangladesh who is still in the hands of Pakistan Army.

## Maintain peace, law and order

## Victory of justice and democracy says Tajuddin

Mr. Tajuddin Ahmad, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh has said that the liberation of Bangladesh means the victory of truth, justice and democracy, according to a broadcast from BBC received in Dacca on Friday.

## Ceasefire in W. Pakistan

Gen. Yahya Khan, the President of Pakistan has ordered the Pakistan Army for ceasefire in West Pakistan, according to a broadcast from BBC received in Dacca on Friday.

The broadcast added that Mr. Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India has also ordered the Indian troops for ceasefire.

Mr. A. S. M. Abdur Rab, Member, Shadin Bangladesh Kendra, Chairman, Sangram Parishad, and Mr. Abdul Qudus Makhani, Member, Shadin Bangladesh Kendra, Chairman, Sangram Parishad in a joint statement released to the Press on Friday appealing to the people of Bangladesh to maintain peace, law and order at all cost. It was the greatest need of the hour, they said.

The statement said: Taking the teachings of the Banga Bandhu as the basic principles of all activities of the people and the Government of Bangladesh, we on behalf of the newly-born nation do hereby issue the following instructions as the most important tasks before the nation and for that matter for each and every person of Bangladesh.

The instruction are as follows: 1) Peace, law and order should be maintained at all cost. This is the greatest need of the hour.

2) The economy and social life of Bangladesh has been totally crushed and millions of families have been uprooted by the West Pakistan occupation army. As such our newly-born nation will not be able to move forward unless the uprooted families are economically rehabilitated. And the devastated economic and social life is restored to full normalcy and it must be borne in mind by every lover of Bangladesh that at present the above mentioned tasks are most important and we must have to accomplish it as a national speed.

3) In view of the above the most urgent need of the hour is to maintain peace and develop a sense of fellow feeling among various sections of population. Law and order must be restored in quickest possible time and all provocations from any quarter detrimental to the cause of peace and law and order must be kept at all cost.

4) Any provocation or attempt by any quarter to foment communal clashes must be crushed by every true lover of Bangladesh. Any attempt to endanger the lives and properties of any section of the population of Bangladesh must be nipped in the bud for the strange interest of our hard-earned independence.

5) From now on it will be the sacred duty of everyman and woman of Bangladesh to act in a democratic and progressive manner so that our newly-born nation can usher in a new era of peace and progress by building up a healthy democratic society.

6) We therefore, appeal to you all to take care that our tribulations for commemorating this epoch-making event are demonstrated in a restrained manner and for that we shall have to guard our activities against any excess of error.

7) Law and order must not be taken by any individual or groups of individuals. Anybody committing any offence or any excess thereof should be handed over to proper local authority of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Joy Bangla.



Niazi signs the document of surrender while Lt. Gen. Aurora looks on.

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# Niazi surrenders unconditionally

By A Staff Correspondent

The ultimatum to surrender unconditionally by 9.30 a.m. Thursday, the 16th December was issued by the Chief of Staff of Indian Armed Forces, Lt. Gen. Aurora, to Lt. Gen. Niazi, the Commander of the Eastern Command of the Pakistan Forces in Bangladesh on December 15. The ultimatum also warned the Occupation Forces Commander that if they failed to surrender unconditionally by that time an all round offensive would be launched to liberate Dacca the Capital city of Bangladesh.

Lt. Gen. Niazi asked for the extension of the time limit of surrender by 16 hours over the radio channel. This was offered by General Manekshaw, the Commander of the Eastern Command Force. Commander for contact with the Indian Army on the morning of December 16. The Occupation Forces Commander also asked Lt. General of the Allied Forces to send one representative of the Allied Forces to Dacca to settle the terms of surrender.

In response to the request of the Commander of the Occupation Forces, Lt. General Aurora reached Dacca along with Naval and Air Force Chiefs of the Eastern Command of the Allied Forces on Thursday.

The document of surrender, which was earlier prepared by Major-General Jacob of the Indian Army was signed by A.A.K. Niazi at 4.11 a.m. in Dacca. The document was signed at the historic Race Course Maidan. A.A.K. Niazi was later taken away from the scene by Lt. General Aurora, who kept a hand on the back of Niazi.

Niazi was found weeping at that time, while the enthusiastic people, who assembled nearby, was giving a rousing ovation to Lt. General Aurora.

It may be recalled that A.A.K. Niazi the Chief of the Occupation Forces, had earlier stated that he would fight to the last. This was said by him while he was giving a speech regarding the speed of Major General Rao Farman Ali, the Adviser on Civilian Affairs to the Occupation Forces, to the United Nations for mass killing, massacre and execution of the Occupation Forces and West Pakistan officers to West Pakistan. Niazi at that time stated that the Allied Forces and Mukti



Delights are seen by Mukti Bahini parading city streets.

## DONATE BLOOD

The Bangladesh Red Cross Society has appealed to the members of the public for the donation of blood to the Blood Bank in the Holy Family Hospital.

## Ten top officials appointed

By A Staff Correspondent  
Mr. Rumi Qudus, and Mr. Abdul Khaleq have been appointed by the Bangladesh Government as Secretary General and Inspector General of Public and Home Affairs respectively.  
Mr. Rumi Qudus, it may be recalled, was a C.B. at the former Pakistan, was co-chaired by Sh. Sh. Mujibur Rahman in the cabinet of the former Pakistan Government.  
Mr. Abdul Khaleq, a P.A. of the former Pakistan Government, was Principal of the Sheikh Mujibur Rahman University. Others appointed in different posts include: Mr. Khondakar M. Mustafiz, Secretary, Finance, Mr. A. Samad, Secretary, Home Affairs, Mr. Pural (Continued on page 4 col. 5)

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