

PARALYSES LIFE IN EAST WING

Processions, meetings on 'day of mourning'

DACCA, March 3: Complete hartal was observed in the city for the second day today in response to the Provincewide strike call given by the Awami League chief Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Thousands of people were on the roads in different areas since morning to observe the day as a "Day of Mourning" as announced by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Students and labourers brought out procession. They raised angry slogans.

The attendance in the offices was very small. The railway communications to and from Dacca remained suspended for the second consecutive day today. The interwing air service also remained partially suspended.

All shops and bazars remained closed till 2 p.m.

PROCESSIONS

Processions were also brought out with bodies of a few persons, who died in firings yesterday. Early in the morning four of the bodies were brought to the Shahid Minar from where a procession was brought to parade the main roads of the city.

Reports of arson and looting in different parts of the city were also received. Several shops were looted and houses set afire. Precautionary measures were, however, taken promptly to prevent further disturbances.

With the resumption of traffic movement in the afternoon at the end of the strike period at 2 p.m., near normalcy returned to the areas where road-blocks were comparatively less heavy. People were seen rushing to markets to buy foodstuff and daily necessities.

In Narayanganj too, complete hartal was observed. Factories, offices, shops and bazars remained closed. Complete hartal was also observed in the inland port town yesterday.

PUBLIC MEETING

Later in the afternoon, a public meeting jointly convened by the local Awami League and the Students League, was held at the DIT field. After the meeting a big procession was brought out.

LIFE PARALYSED

Complete hartal was observed throughout East-Pakistan from the morning today.

All the Government offices, au-

tonomous organisations, mills and factories, educational institutions remained closed today.

The hartal will continue from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day in East Pakistan up to March 6.

The strike completely paralysed all the normal activities in Dacca as elsewhere in the Province today.

Sporadic cases of loot and arson were reported from different places of the city. The members of the Awami League Volunteer Corps and other people promptly intervened and prevailed the anti-social elements not to indulge in such activities.

Meanwhile, 114 injured people were admitted to the Dacca Medical College Hospital during the last 36 hours. Fifteen such cases were admitted to the Mitford Hospital during the same period.

Besides, six persons who were hit by brickbattling were admitted to the Police Hospital here.

CURFEW IN KHULNA

A seven hour curfew was imposed in Khulna, Khalispur and Dulatpur area from 11 p.m. to night.

The Khulna station of Radio Pakistan announced that the local M.L. authorities clamped the order following widespread disturbances in different parts of these areas. —APP/PPI.

Curfew in Dacca, Sylhet, Rangpur

DACCA, March 3: An eight-hour curfew has been imposed in Dacca Municipal limits from 10 tonight to guard against possible hooliganism and lawlessness, under an order issued by Martial Law authorities, according to an official announcement.

Earlier, the curfew was scheduled to be reimposed from 7 this evening to 7 tomorrow morning.

According to reports received here, a 24-hour curfew has been imposed at Rangpur town from 2.30 p.m. while in Sylhet town an eleven and half an hour curfew from 7.30 p.m. has been imposed following some untoward incidents that took place in both the towns today.—APP