

# AL non-co-operation movement continues

## Inter-Wing telecom links remain suspended

DACCA, March 10: The non-violent non-co-operation movement for the realisation of the people's legitimate rights launched by Shaikh Mujibur Rahman, continued for the ninth consecutive day today throughout East Pakistan.

Private offices and a few Government offices including Treasury functioned in accordance with the directives of the Awami League chief. Banks transaction with limitation continued for

### Bhashani, Mujib talk on telephone

DACCA, March 10: The NAF chief, Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani, had a telephonic conversation with the Awami League chief, Shaikh Mujibur Rahman, in Dacca yesterday.

They are believed to have discussed the present political situation in the country.

The Maulana had arrived here on Monday from Santosh and addressed a public meeting at Paltan Maidan on Tuesday afternoon.—PPI

### Pretoria rejects US & UN objections

THE HAGUE, March 10: South Africa today rejected objections by the United States and United Nations to its proposal for a plebiscite to determine the future of South-West Africa.

"No valid objection has been raised to the plebiscite proposal" South African lawyer, David P. de Villiers, told the International Court of Justice.

The United Nations, which terminated South Africa's mandate over South-West Africa in 1966, has asked the Court for a ruling on the legal consequences of South Africa's refusal to quit the territory.

De Villiers said the US contention that the plebiscite proposal was not material to the question under study by the Court was unfounded.

De Villiers described the reaction of UN Secretary-General U Thant to the plebiscite proposal as "an agitated one—even bitter and resentful."

### Americans not to leave East Wing

WASHINGTON, March 10: The White House said today it was not necessary for Americans to leave East Pakistan under present circumstances.

White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler made the comment when asked if President Nixon felt it was advisable for Americans to leave the area because of political strife there.

Mr Ziegler said the President "is aware of the developments there. We do not feel it is advisable for Americans to leave East Pakistan."—UPI

### Australian PM

CANBERRA, March 10: Mr. John Gorton's Australian Premier has been replaced as leader of the Liberal Party by Mr. William McMahon, his Deputy and Foreign Minister. The decision was made at a party's crisis meeting today.—PPI

three hours beginning at 9 a.m.

Other Government offices including the Central and provincial secretariats, semi-Government offices, High Court and subordinate courts, educational institutions continued to observe the strike.

The tele-communication link between East and West Pakistan remained suspended. The inter-district telephone and telegraph communications in the province are functioning normally. Road, rail and river communications are also functioning.

The eight-hour curfew which was imposed on the Rajshahi town on Tuesday, was lifted by the authorities today, according to information reaching here.

Mr A. H. M. Qamaruzzaman, General Secretary of the All-Pakistan Awami League, had earlier urged the authorities to lift the curfew and leave the maintenance of law and order situation to the police exclusively. He had said that if Police felt necessary it could seek the assistance of Awami League volunteers.

The curfew orders were for eight hours every night until further orders. Meanwhile Mr Qamaruzzaman left Dacca for Rajshahi today to be personally present in his home constituency for maintaining law and order there.

Payment of taxes, revenue and all other dues, including income tax, telephone, electricity, customs and land revenue, to the Government had been completely stopped all over the province for the past few days as part of the non-violent non-co-operation movement of Shaikh Mujibur Rahman.

Neither the tax payers are paying them nor the tax collecting agencies are functioning in response to the call of the Awami League chief.

Black flags have been flying on the police stations and residential premises of police officials, like those on private and public buildings in different parts of East Pakistan for the past few days to mourn those who had laid down their lives for the common cause.

Black flags were hoisted in accordance with the directive given by the Awami League chief.

The Police officials, who were exempted from the hartal restrictions as they had to maintain law and order situation in East Pakistan, on their patrol duty in the city, and district and subdivisional towns have also been flying black flags on their vans.

Many private offices and a few Government offices dealing in essential day to day life activities however, functioned.

All means of communications worked regularly. The FIA's internal flights, State Bank, Posts and Telegraph offices, Treasury offices, Accountant General's office and a few other Government offices were working restrictively.

Other Government and semi-Government offices, High Court and subordinate courts continued to observe hartal. A number of shops and bazars were open as usual, but majority of the shops in posh shopping centres including Jinnah Avenue, Stadium and Baitul Mukarram remained closed.

Unusual rush was witnessed in the offices which opened for the first day after about eight days today.—PPI/APP