

Bhutto blamed for crisis

History will never forgive Bhutto, says Tahira Agha

Lahore lawyers' plea for accepting Mujib's demand

LAHORE, March 14: Begum Tahira Masood, a leader of the Bahawalpur United Front has urged immediate lifting of Martial Law and transfer of power to the elected representatives of the people.

Addressing a public meeting, organised by the BUP, here today, she severely criticised Mr Z. A. Bhutto, Chairman of the Pakistan People's Party, for what he described as his provocative statements and undemocratic attitude due to which she thought, the country had come to such a pass. History, she said, would never forgive Mr Bhutto for creating this political crisis.

She also accused Mr Bhutto of shifting stands regarding the future status of Bahawalpur. She said he had assured a delegation of the BUP, which met him at Karachi in February, that he would set up a FPP fact finding committee to ascertain the wishes of the people of the area, but later in his speech at Lahore he outrightly rejected the demand of a provincial status for Bahawalpur.

Begum Tahira Masood also assured Shaikh Mujibur Rahman

RAWALPINDI, March 14: Mr Mahmood Ahmed Minto, President of the City Council Muslim League, has said that four demands of Shaikh Mujibur Rahman should be accepted to make the National Assembly session possible on March 25.

In a Press statement, he said that the disturbing and tragic incidents of the past 12 days had shaken all patriotic Pakistanis in the West Wing as much as in the East Wing. He said that it was not astonishing that East Wing have genuine apprehensions that certain forces were attempting to obstruct the transfer of power in order to deprive the majority party of its rightful place.

Mr. Minto said: "If anyone person can be held responsible for bringing about this tragic state of affairs it is Mr Bhutto and I am sure that history will record this fact.

He said that he strongly felt that it was the time that all patriotic Pakistanis should streng-

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full support of the 32 lakh people of Bahawalpur, for all reasonable demands of the people of East Pakistan.—PPI.

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then the hands of democratic forces working in the country in order to keep the disruptive elements in check.

He said that East and West Pakistan together was one entity and no sacrifice was too great to maintain the integrity of Pakistan.

A number of prominent lawyers of Rawalpindi have said that already transfer of power to the elected representatives of the people will save the ideology and integrity of the country.

In a joint Press statement, they expressed their hope that the President will soon conceive of appropriate method for the immediate transfer of power to the elected representatives.

The Press statement said: "The political situation in the country is precarious, threatening the very existence of our homeland. Any wrong move at this crucial time will not only destroy the ideological moorings of the Muslims but would also render each wing vulnerable to alien forces.

The signatories to the statement included, Mr. Raiz Pirzada, Mr. M. S. Siddiqui, Mr. Manzoor Ellahi and Mr. Aslam Jan.—PPI.