



Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with his wife.

## Mujib always champions cause of democracy

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the man of destiny, is 52 today (March 17).

He is a man who seems to rise and surge as he speaks, compelling attention, commanding respect. In repose, keenly silent; casual of gesture, incisive of eye, missing nothing.

Guided and inspired by his inner convictions, he has always championed the cause of democracy, the equality of man, fair-play and justice.

With a mentor of the calibre of Mr Husein Shaheed Suhrawardy, the Awami League Chief was actually in the vanguard of the Pakistan movement. He firmly believes in the ideology of Pakistan and his patriotism would never allow, not even for a moment, that the solidarity, integrity and independence of the country should suffer in any manner.

When the Father of the Nation challenged the Hindu-dominated Congress and raised the demand for Pakistan for the emancipation of the Muslims of the sub-continent, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, though still very young, felt greatly thrilled.

As a matter of fact the youthful student, his financial resources being meagre as they were, took extraordinary pains to offer his services to the Quaid-i-Azam.

So enthralled and enthusiastic was he, that he travelled on a bi-cycle right from Calcutta to Delhi to pay his respects to the Quaid-i-Azam.

Even though he was persecuted for his beliefs and ideas many times during his chequered political career, the spirit of the student-leader or yester-year have not dampened. On the contrary he has risen in stature and has now emerged as the leader of the majority party in the National Assembly. His steadfastness, determination and perseverance have paid off.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is a generous man, but a cautious one; weighing, balancing and filing away in some recess of the mind for future reference.

A man with a long memory, never losing sight of the grand design, the final objective; driving forward and upward, sure of himself and certain that time will prove him right.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman today is a sublimation of what he has always been. His fundamental ideas, the essence of his vision have not changed.

The post-election events have added further lustre to the personality of this polished politician.

Despite provocations he has desisted from making any hurried or rash decisions and thereby proved his mettle as a statesman.

He takes a decision on an issue after discussing it threadbare but once he has done so, he sticks to it.

And the recent General Elections, as also those of 1964, have proved that Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has a seemingly inexhaustible store of administrative genius.—PPI

## BHUTTO SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENT CRISIS

### Bid to sabotage power transfer, says Mengal

From Our Staff Correspondent  
QUETTA, March 17: Sardar

Ataullah Khan Mengal, a prominent leader of the Baluchistan National Awami Party and recently elected member of the Provincial Assembly, said that Pakistan People's Party chief Mr. Z. A. Bhutto was solely responsible for creating the present political chaos and confusion in the country, and charged him with "playing in the hands of vested interests" to sabotage the transfer of power to the elected representatives of the people. He was speaking on a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of Councilors of the Baluchistan National Awami Party (Wali Khan Group) in Quetta last evening.

The resolution, moved and adopted at a meeting presided over by Sardar Bahadur Khan Bangulzai, a Vice-President of Baluchistan NAP, expressed serious concern over the political situation obtaining in the country and among other things supported Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's four-point demand for overcoming the deadlock.

### TRANSFER OF POWER

Referring to the latest suggestion made by PPP chief at Karachi meeting for the transfer of power to the majority parties in East and West Wing, Sardar Mengal asked how could two Prime Ministers be responsible to one Assembly, he asked.

Sardar Ataullah Mengal said that the country, was today passing through the most critical phase and everybody was perturbed over the existing state of af-