

**MUJIB'S LIFE
DEDICATED
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**No observance of
birthday**

From Our Special Representative

DACCA, March 17: Today Sheikh Mujibur Rahman enters 52nd year of his life. But his birthday is not being observed in the usual sense of the term. A Milad at the Awami League office this evening is the only "function" arranged on this occasion.

When local and foreign newsmen wished him on his birthday, the Awami League Chief said: "I do not observe my birthday". He said his was a life dedicated to the people. When the people are not in a position to celebrate their birthdays, "I cannot observe mine", he said. He said: "Our people are poor, hungry and oppressed and they die of starvation. They die when someone wishes them to die. They do not have a birthday or a death day", he added.

Sheikh Mujib was born in Gopalganj Sub-Division in Faridpur District this day in 1920.
(Life-sketch on page 9)

**5 Generals retired
in Turkey**

**Mujib ready to shed
last drop of blood**

**People's movement for
realisation of rights**

DACCA, March 17: Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, chief of the Awami League, said here today that he would shed his last drop of blood for the movement of the people to realise their rights.

Addressing a gathering which had collected before his house, the Sheikh also called upon the people to remain ever prepared for any sacrifice until their demands were met.

He told the people: "Do not allow the blood of the martyrs who gave it in the cause of the people to go waste."

He said the people were fighting for justice and truth and there could be no compromise with causes, he added. He was confident people would ultimately win.

Three processions today paraded through the streets and finally collected before the Sheikh's residence. They raised slogans expressing their unstinted support to Mujib's leadership and demanding immediate acceptance of the four-point demand by the President.

The local employees of the Habib Bank in their support to the Awami League also brought

out a procession and demonstrated before Sheikh's house. They declared their confidence in the leadership of the Sheikh and said they would in their capacity try to foil all designs of the vested interest in sabotaging the economy of East Pakistan.—APP.

**Transfer of power:
Bhashani asks Bhutto
to clarify stand**

CHITTAGONG, March 17: Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani said here today that Mr Bhutto should be more explicit in his suggestions on handing over power to the two majority parties in the two wings.

"The PPP chief reflects the sentiments of the West Wing because he is the majority leader there", he added while talking to newsmen here this morning.

Maulana Bhashani said he had been actively associated with all movements during 89 years of his life, but never before had he witnessed such unity and enthusiasm of the masses.