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WAR TILL VICTORY



A scene of the destruction caused by Indian bombing of a civilian area in Lahore on Dec 15.

Yahya's pledge Pays tributes to Forces, E. Wing people

RAWALPINDI, DEC. 16: PRESIDENT GEN. AGHA MOHAMMAD YAHYA KHAN TODAY CALLED UPON THE NATION TO CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE WITH DISCIPLINE AND DETERMINATION, AGAINST INDIAN AGGRESSION AND "FINAL VICTORY IN THIS WAR OF SURVIVAL SHALL INSHA ALLAH BE OURS."

The President, in his broadcast to the nation, said: "We have been overwhelmed in the Eastern sector, but a temporary setback in one theatre of war does not by any means signify the end of the struggle."

"We may lose a battle but final victory in this war of survival shall Insha Allah be ours," the President said.

The President paid rich tributes to the Armed Forces, who had put up heroic fight in East Pakistan against overwhelming odds and that this will "go down in history as an epic of indomitable courage, reminiscent of the highest traditions of the soldiers of Islam."

"Our hearts go out to our brethren in East Pakistan, who are being ruthlessly subjected to terror and tribulation by the warlords of Bharat," the President said.

"The torch of resistance to Bharat's naked aggression, which has burnt so deep in East Pakistan shall never be allowed to be extinguished. It shall pass from hand-to-hand throughout the length and breadth of Pakistan."

"The patient and God-fearing people of East Pakistan will continue to struggle with unflinching determination until they are able to breathe the air of freedom in their own land," he said.

"The people of Bharat have inspired aggression in its all-out bid for dismemberment and total destruction of Pakistan," the President said.

"The torch of resistance shall not be extinguished," he said.



The Shuttia Village reduced to ashes by indiscriminate Indian bombing—Dawn photo. (More pictures on page 1.)

CHINESE PROTEST AGAINST INDIA'S ARMED INTRUSION

BEIJING, Dec. 16: China charged Thursday that seven armed Indians intruded into China for reconnaissance last Friday and said it was a grave encroachment upon China's territory.

Peking's official Hsinhua (New China) News Agency said the Chinese Foreign Ministry lodged a "strong protest" with the Indian Embassy in Peking Thursday against the alleged incident.

Hsinhua quoted the note as saying the armed Indians crossed into the Chinese side at the China-Burma border between 1500 and 1630 hours on Dec. 16. The note demanded that the Indian Government "immediately stop its activities of intrusion into Chinese territory."

US 7th Fleet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16: A US Naval task force headed by the aircraft carrier "Enterprise" is continuing on course towards East Pakistan, informed sources said today.

The sources said: "The Soviet fleet is still active in the area and the situation in East Pakistan is still confused."

Chinese envoy calls on Nurul Amin

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 16: The Chinese Ambassador Mr. Cheng so, showed up at Nurul Amin, Prime Minister-designate here late morning at East Pakistan House.

Pakistan promised continued support by China

HONG KONG, Dec. 16: The sheet and caused serious anxiety to the people throughout the world.

The statement said the Soviet Government had "for many years been energetically fostering the Indian reactionaries and abetting India in its outward expansion."

"In last August, the Soviet Union and India signed the treaty which is labelled as one of peace, friendship and cooperation, but it is substance a treaty of military alliance."

JAF raid: City death toll rises to 71

My Our Staff Correspondent

The death toll rose to 71 yesterday when more bodies were recovered by the rescue workers in the Shuttia village which was bombed by the Indian warplanes on Wednesday night.

The statement said Moscow has stepped up its efforts to pour a steady stream of arms and equipments into India since the start of the war.

It said the invasion of Pakistan by India "with the support of the Soviet Union, is precisely a repetition of the South Asian sub-continent of the 1965 Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia."

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Fighting ends in East Wing

PAF HITS IN WEST

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 16: Latest reports indicate that following an arrangement between the local commanders of India and Pakistan in the Eastern theatre, fighting has ceased in East Pakistan and Indian troops have entered Dacca.

On the Western front intermittent exchange of artillery fire is reported from places in the Northern area. Our troops inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy in clash in the Poonch sector. At the Shangkari salt in the Sialkot area, our troops engaged the enemy and caused him considerable loss in men and materials. Two officers and fifty other troops were captured.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan Air Force continued providing close support to the Pakistan Army against the Indian Army throughout today and last night against the West Pakistan border.

PAF fighter-bombers struck enemy troop concentrations in battle areas and also carried out interdiction missions aimed at Indian supply lines and communication systems.

Later this evening, PAF six craft attacked Shakti railway junction, causing extensive damage to trains and infrastructure.

MIG-21 DAMAGED

One MIG-21 supersonic jet was damaged in the only air battle today in which PAF Sabres engaged six enemy MIG-21s over Shakti area.



Constitution on Dec 20: autonomy for East Wing

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 16: President Yahya Khan today said that the constitution will be announced as scheduled on Dec 20.

In his address to the nation, the President said the Constitution would contain clear and unequivocal provisions guaranteeing maximum autonomy to East Pakistan consistent with the concept and preservation of which both Wings of our country have undergone untold sacrifices.

The President said that the re-constituted Government will set up at the Centre to be immediately followed by representative Governments in the provinces.

It is my prayer," the President said, "that peace will soon prevail, so that the people of Pak-

istan who have suffered so much at the hands of unprovoked aggression, can resume their efforts to build a just and prosperous society in the finest tradition of Islam."

WORD OF GOD

And fight in the way of Allah, and know that Allah is Hearing, Knowing. (Al-Quran; 2:244)

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Today the entire nation is the a wall of steel united and free on every front. Insha Allah Victory shall be ours.

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