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Islamabad's urgent call to Bhutto

Civilian Govt. under new constitution

RAWALPINDI, Dec 18: An official spokesman said here today that the President had sent a message to Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto requesting him to return home immediately.

On the arrival of Mr. Bhutto, power will be transferred to a representative Government formed under the new Constitution, the spokesman said.—APP.

Nasim Ahmed adds from London: Mr Bhutto said today that he was returning to Pakistan immediately after his meeting with President Nixon in Washington.

Speaking on telephone from New York, the Pakistan People's Party Chairman told me that he wanted to be with his people at this critical juncture. He had cancelled a visit to Paris at the French Government's invitation, to return home as soon as possible.

In Rawalpindi, according to PPI, Mr Mustafa Khar, General Secretary Punjab PPP, said that Mr Bhutto was expected to arrive in Rawalpindi within a couple of days.

—TALKS WITH NIXON HELD

WASHINGTON, Dec 18: Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, today called on President Nixon here at his own request to discuss the situation following the ceasefire in the India-Pakistan war. Mr. Bhutto is the first senior Minister from India or Pakistan whom Mr. Nixon has met since the war began just over two weeks ago.

The talks were expected to be dominated by the problem of East Pakistan's status.

Mr. Bhutto is scheduled to give a Press conference before leaving here for New York on his way back to Islamabad.—Reuter/APP.

A large crowd packed the main hall of the State Bank the whole day yesterday to exchange 50-rupee notes.—Dawn photo.

LAHORE, 'PINDI PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS

LAHORE, Dec 18: A wave of protest against those responsible for bringing the country to the present unfortunate state was set in motion in the provincial capital.

Processions, big and small of intellectuals and businessmen, lawyers and laymen, women and children, were taken out throughout the day shouting for the vindication of the nation's honour.

A large procession comprising some smaller ones was the main feature of the day. It was led by a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Mr Justice Badiuzzaman Kaikaus, a former Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Air Force, Air Marshal (Rtd) Nur Khan, the Justice Party chief, Mian Manzar Bashir and prominent leaders of various other political parties. The procession, parading through various streets of the city, terminated at the Governor's House.

Small processions were taken out in various localities, which also registered a similar protest through some strongly-worded slogans.

Handbills were distributed by various organisations. One of these was subscribed among others by a retired General and a former Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

A spate of statements and resolutions continued to flow into newspaper and agency offices fixing the responsibility for the present traumatic situation.

ISLAMABAD

At the same time discontent in those responsible for the present state of affairs was voiced by the top leaders of the United Coalition Party (UCP) at a special meeting held in the interim capital.

The meeting, which was presided over by Prime Minister-Designate Mr Nurul Amin, was attended by Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan, Mian Mumtaz Daultana, Mian Mohammad Tufail, Mr Mahmud Ali, Nawabzada Nasrullah, Professor Ghulam Azam, Mr Yusuf Khattak, Mr Hanif Khan, Mr Shafiqul Islam, Syed Siddiqul Hasan Gilani, Syed Ali Asghar Shah, Major-General (rtd) Sar-

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UCP's HIGH COMMAND MEETS

RAWALPINDI, Dec 18: The High Command of the United Coalition Party (UCP) met here today under the presidentship of Mr Nurul Amin, Prime Minister-designate and leader of the seven-party alliance to consider the situation in the country and the cease-fire between the Pakistani and Indian armed forces.

The meeting, held at the East Pakistan House, was attended by top leaders of the parties comprising the UCP.

Those who attended the meeting included Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan, President of Pakistan Muslim League (Qayyum group), Mian Mumtaz Daultana, President of Council Muslim League; Mian Tufail Mohammad, acting Ameer of Jamaat-i-Islami; Prof. Ghulam Azam, Amir of East Pakistan Jamaat-i-Islami, Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, President of West Pakistan PDP, Mr Mahmud Ali, a Vice-President of PDP; Mr Shafiqul Islam of the Council Muslim League; Syed Ali Asghar Shah of the Convention Muslim League, Maulana Ashraf Ali of Nizam-i-Islam Party; Sahibzada Nazar Diwan of Jamiat Ulema-i-Pakistan, Mr Yousuf Khattak and Mr Mohammad Hanief Khan of PML (Qayyum group) and retired Major-General Sarfraz Khan of PDP.—APP.

PIA TO RESUME OPERATIONS FROM MONDAY

By Our Staff Correspondent

PIA will resume its services between Karachi-Lahore-Rawalpindi and other points in West Pakistan from Monday.

There will be two Boeings flights either way on the Karachi-Lahore-Rawalpindi route. Services to Jeddah and Nairobi will also start from the same day.

The Fokker and Twin Otter services will also resume from Monday to various points in West Pakistan with slight modifications.

The Boeing and Fokker maintenance services, engineering and cabin servicing sections at the Karachi airport will resume normal three-shift operations from today. The staff of these establishments have been asked to report on duty.

A PPI report from Lahore adds: The timings for the Lahore-Karachi flights would be 13-25 and 18.55 and that for Lahore-Rawalpindi 11.05 and 16.55.

On the international route PIA is operating from the same day one flight from Karachi to London. This is, however, temporary schedule effective for Monday only. Detailed schedule would be announced later.

The PIA is also resuming its RCD flights on the Islamabad-Amsterdam route via Teheran and Ankara from Dec 22. The flights would operate three times in a week on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The PIA authorities have also announced that tickets for all these flights would be sold only at PIA booking offices and counters as the airports and not through the travel agents.

Bourguiba pledges deep solidarity with Pakistan

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 18: The Tunisian President, Mr. Habib Bourguiba, has assured President Yahya Khan of his country's active support and deep solidarity with Pakistan.

Replying to Pakistan President's message of Dec. 3, Mr. Bourguiba said that Tunisia would not spare any effort to see that the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Pakistan is to be respected and safeguarded.

Blackout continues in City

Blackout continued in Karachi for the second successive night last night, despite the announcement of cease-fire on the Western front.—PPI.

Nodemonetisation of Rs. 50 note, says State Bank

By Our Staff Correspondent

The State Bank of Pakistan yesterday denied categorically that the Government was contemplating demonetisation of the notes of denomination of Rs 50.

It reminded the public that the 50-rupee note is a legal tender and those who refuse to accept it in transaction are liable to be punished under law.

Meanwhile, the State Bank has made arrangements to issue new 10-rupee and 5-rupee currency notes in large numbers to be exchanged on the bank counters.

Both the Commercial Banks and the State Bank offices remained open yesterday beyond normal hours to cater to the exchange of 50-rupee notes for the convenience of the visiting public.

The State Bank's categorical denial came in the wake of yesterday morning's unusual rush at the bank counters for exchange into smaller denominations of 50-rupee notes. Some of the banks had limited stocks and, therefore, were unable to entertain all the clients. This led to the spread of rumours in the City which, in turn, further accentuated the rush at the banks' counters.

The public fears could have been allayed had the banks' staff cared to handle the situation tactfully. Their point-blank refusal in a number of cases, however added strength to the rumours and caused unnecessary suspicion among the gullible minds.

The situation soon aggravated as daily transactions were affected. The customers were in most cases bluntly denied any deal on the strength of 50-rupee note. Facilities at the petrol pumps etc were restricted, while shopping came almost to a standstill.

The State Bank authorities took prompt measures to retrieve the situation. Instructions were issued to all the commercial banks not to withhold exchange against the 50-rupee notes over the counters when tendered.

In case any bank ran short of the smaller denominations, its staff was asked to arrange for speedy replenishment. Meanwhile as a precautionary measure the State Bank issued fresh stocks of small denominations to the commercial banks and at the same time directed them to remain open beyond normal business hours so as to complete the day's transactions.

The State Bank's offices likewise remained open for longer hours yesterday so that anyone encountering difficulty about the exchange of 50-rupee notes could directly contact them for the needful compliance.

By yesterday afternoon the situation had become perfectly normal. The rumours were scotched, the public assured of the State Bank's expressed intention not to demonetise the 50-rupee notes, and the market transactions resumed normally.

A Press note issued by the State Bank yesterday said: "Attention of the State Bank of Pakistan has been drawn to the rumours spread in the country, apparently by the enemy agents, that the Government is contemplating demonetisation of notes of Rs 50. The State Bank strongly denies that any such proposal is under consideration. Those spreading such rumours commit an offence and are liable for punishment under the Defence of Pakistan Rules.

"The State Bank has instructed all commercial banks to exchange all 50-rupee notes presented to them and to extend their working hours today (yesterday) for the convenience of the public. Banks have also been instructed not to insist upon opening of accounts but to freely provide exchange against 50-rupee notes over the counter when presented.

"State Bank offices are also being kept open beyond normal hours today (yesterday) for the exchange of notes. Any one encountering difficulty in having his 50-rupee notes exchanged at any bank should contact the nearest office of the State Bank.

"At the same time the public is reminded that 50-rupee note is a legal tender and those who refuse to accept it in transactions are liable to be punished under the rules."

India seeks new 'ties', says Jagjivan Ram

NEW DELHI, Dec 18: India's policy is to seek negotiations and a "new relationship with Pakistan", Defence Minister Jagjivan Ram told Lok Sabha today.

India's unilateral declaration of a cease-fire would "convince not only the people of Pakistan, but the world at large in regard to our intentions" he claimed.—APP

U.S. FOR TROOPS PULL-OUT, SAYS WHITE HOUSE

KEY BISCAYNE (Florida), Dec 18: The United States is looking forward to a systematic withdrawal of Indian and Pakistani forces behind their pre-war borders now that cease-fire agreements have been reached, the White House said yesterday.

White House Press spokesman Ronald Ziegler said the United States welcomed the agreement to end the hostilities.

"We now look forward to a withdrawal of forces behind their national borders in an orderly and systematic way.

"There are still difficult problems to be resolved. We feel the co-operation of all members of the United Nations will be essential."

The President flew here on Wednesday following his meeting in the Azores with President Georges Pompidou of France for some relaxation and to concentrate on preparing for his meeting with British Prime Minister Edward Heath next Monday and Tuesday in Bermuda.

But the Indo-Pakistan conflict has resulted in a great deal of telephone consultation with Secretary of State William Rogers and Dr Henry Kissinger, his National Security Adviser.

OBJECTIVE

Mr Ziegler told reporters the cease-fire was the objective the US Government had been working for.

He said it was responsible to the call for a cease-fire by an overwhelming majority of the United Nations in votes on various resolutions.

Mr Ziegler said he did not want to discuss the situation when asked whether the President was concerned about the increase in Russian influence in South Asia or Indian Ocean.

In Washington State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey told reporters he assumed that relief deliveries to East Pakistan could be resumed now that peaceful conditions had been restored.

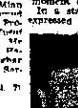
He said considerable quantities of food and other humanitarian relief had been committed to the Pakistan Government for use in East Pakistan.

Some of it was still aboard ships tied up off Chittagong and other East Pakistani ports but unable to unload their cargo because of the fighting.—Reuter

Amin urges unity, self-discipline at hour of trial

RAWALPINDI, Dec 18: Mr Nurul Amin, the Prime Minister-designate, today appealed to the people of Pakistan to stand united and exercise discipline at this "moment of trial of all of us".

In a statement issued here, he expressed the hope that the democratic Government "which is going to be installed soon after the constitution is promulgated" would fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people.



The Prime Minister-designate issued the statement after a meeting with President Yahya Khan this evening at the President's House along with Mr Mahmud Ali, a Vice-President of the Pakistan Democratic Party.

He said the "present unfortunate situation and its background" were discussed in the meeting which took place at the desire of the President.

Referring to the Indian aggression and occupation of East Pakistan he said he had no doubt that the people of Pakistan would "Insha-Allah come out successfully in the near future with their fortitude, determination and courage, and faith in their noble cause in spite of the temporary setback.

Mr Nurul Amin said the Indian defiance of the opinion of 104 nations, who had voted for the UN General Assembly resolution for a cease-fire and withdrawal of Indian and Pakistani troops to their respective borders, had made the world organisation "a farce and ineffective".

He also denounced the successive exercise of veto by the Soviet Union in the UN Security Council against resolutions on the India-Pakistan war and said this had converted the peace-keeping organisation to an "instrument of encouraging aggression".

Mr Nurul Amin pointed out the "undeniable fact" that India utilised an internal situation in East Pakistan to fulfil her long cherished lust" to dismember Pakistan. For that purpose India committed aggression and occupied East Pakistan, he added.

The Prime Minister-designate said "at the Presidents desire, I met him this evening together with Mr Mahmud Ali, and discussed the present unfortunate situation and its background.

"It is an undeniable fact that our neighbour India seized the opportunity of utilising an internal situation in East Pakistan to fulfil her long cherished lust to dismember this country, and for that purpose she committed aggression on East Pakistan and has occupied the same

"This is a moment of trial of all of us and I have no doubt that the people of Pakistan will Insha Allah come out successfully in the near future with their fortitude, determination and courage, and faith in their noble cause in spite of a temporary setback.

"India has been declared an aggressor by an overwhelming majority of world Powers and her defiance of the opinion of as many as 104 nations in the General Assembly of the United Nations has made the world organisation a farce and ineffective. The successive exercise of veto by Russia in the Security Council has converted the peace-keeping organisation to an instrument of encouraging aggression.

"I would appeal to my countrymen to stand united and exercise discipline in them so that the democratic Government which is going to be installed soon after the constitution is promulgated, may fulfil their hopes and aspirations.—APP.

PARIS, Dec 18: Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabian Minister of Defence and Aviation, in Paris on an official visit, today received Ambassadors of Arab countries in France and discussed "international affairs and questions of interest to the Arab world."—APP.

Cosmos launched

MOSCOW, Dec 18: The Soviet Union today announced the launching of its fourth Cosmos satellite in three days.

The latest Sputnik, orbited yesterday, is number 468 in the programme which according to western experts includes everything from weather satellites to spies in the sky and FOBs (Fractional Orbital Ballistic Systems missiles).

An authoritative U.S. aviation and space journal reported this week that a Cosmos sputnik had for the first time destroyed a target at an altitude of below 160 miles (260 km) indicating the Soviet Union may now destroy any satellites.—Reuter.

Ship with arms for India: Dutch ban

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 18: The Dutch authorities today refused to allow a Swedish ship, the "Tor Flandria, to dock at Rotterdam as it was carrying 37 crates from Sweden to the Indian Armed Forces.

A spokesman for the Southern Netherlands Queen's Commissar said that Holland had adopted his measure because of the India-Pakistan war.

The ship left for Gotenborg in Sweden.—APP.

Bhutto denies to have favoured cease-fire

RAWALPINDI, Dec 18: Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Khar, General Secretary of Punjab PPP and MNA-elect, said here last night that Mr Bhutto has "categorically" denied the "New York Times" report that his country should accept a cease-fire with India.

Mr. Khar said he rang up Mr. Bhutto in New York last night to know whether he had given a statement to New York Times" to this effect.

He said Mr Bhutto told him that in fact he was asked by the correspondent to comment on the cease-fire but he did not comment.—APP

Ghulam Mustafa Khar meets President

RAWALPINDI, Dec 18: Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Khar, General Secretary of the Punjab Pakistan People's Party and MNA-elect, called on President Yahya Khan at the President's House here this morning and remained with him for some time.—APP.

Major violations of ceasefire by Indian forces

RAWALPINDI, Dec 18. A military spokesman this evening described as baseless reports emanating from certain foreign news sources that Pakistan has committed ceasefire violations in the Sialkot or any other sector.

On the contrary ceasefire violations have been committed by the Indians at a number of places, the spokesman said.

Two major violations of ceasefire were committed by the Indians in the Wagah-Attari and Hussainiwala sectors.

Three violations of similar nature were reported from the Rajasthan sector, details of which are awaited.

It appears that the Indians are violating the ceasefire to establish their claim of having occupied sizable Pakistan territory. Pakistani forces have only used small arms in self-defence against deliberate violations by the Indians.

No use of heavier weapons, including artillery and armour, was every made by the Pakistan Army, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said Pakistan is strictly observing the ceasefire ground rules all over and showing enormous patience in the face of repeated violations by the Indians.—APP.

Lawlessness in Dacca

Armed guerillas of the so-called Mukti Bahini are reported to be roaming round the streets of Dacca, firing their weapons into the air

Quoting a Reuter despatch from Dacca, the BBC said yesterday that there was no apparent authority in Dacca except in Cantonment area and around the Dacca Stadium where the Indian troops are concentrated.

One group of the 'Mukti Bahini' was said to have threatened to attack Hotel Inter-Continental which has been declared neutral zone by the Red Cross, unless the East Pakistan Governor Dr A. M. Malik, now staying there, was turned over to them.

The situation in Dacca remained hazardous with scattered fighting between Indian paratroopers and pockets of Pakistani soldiers making last-ditch stands.

All last night Dacca rang out to burst of sub-machine-gun fire and the whine of bullets.

The prime targets of the guerillas are the Razakars.

Meanwhile, PPI reported from Rawalpindi yesterday that the Government of Pakistan has approached the International Red Cross as well as several other Governments asking them to impress upon India the need for ensuring the safety of different groups of people in East Pakistan. The International Red Cross has deputed several representatives to go to East Pakistan in this connection.

In order to look after the large number of people, both military and civil who have been wounded, 18 medical teams have also been deputed by the International Red Cross to go to East Pakistan, as a result of the Government's urgent request.

In another despatch, the agency said that the Pakistani prisoners-of-war are being transferred from East Pakistan to Sagar (India), before their repatriation to Pakistan, it was officially learnt in Rawalpindi on Saturday.

An APP despatch from Paris, quoting AIR, said: The East Pakistan Capital of Dacca has been declared a neutral zone by the International Red Cross.

Red Cross team for the war-injured

GENEVA, Dec. 18: A nine-man medical team from the Swiss Red Cross left Basle for New Delhi by air yesterday to help tend those wounded in the Indo-Pakistan war.

The team, consisting of two surgeons, four nurses and three technicians, will join International Red Cross Committee teams already on the spot.

> **Word of God**
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> And fight them on,
> Until there is no more
> Tumult or oppression,
> And there prevail
> Justice and faith in God;
> But if they cease,
> Let there be no hostility
> Except to those
> Who practice oppression
> (S. 11. 193.)

75 p.c. salary for families of armymen in E.Wing

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 18: Families of army officers, Junior Commissioned Officers, other ranks and enrolled non-combatants serving in East Pakistan as well as families of officers and other ranks of West Pakistan Rangers and Frontier Corps serving in East Pakistan will be paid an allotment equal to 75 per cent of the net monthly emoluments of the individual concerned, a Press release of the General Headquarters said today.

In the case of officers the allotment will be remitted by cheque by Controller of Military Accounts (Officers). Family allotments of others will be remitted by the Regiment/Corps centre by money order to the known address of the family.

Headquarters of West Pakistan Rangers will make the payment in respect of their personnel. Record Office, Thal, will make the payment for personnel of Frontier Corps.

The family allotment will commence from the pay of November 1971, which became payable in December 1971. In other words all families will receive the first payment immediately. Thereafter they will receive monthly payments on the first of each month.

In many cases present addresses of families may not be known to the allotment disbursing agencies. The concerned families may therefore immediately convey their addresses, including their relationship to the person out of whose salary they claim their allotment to Controller of Military Accounts (Officers) or the record office concerned. A copy of this letter may be forwarded to AGS Branch (PP and A Directorate), General Headquarters, Rawalpindi.

CENTRAL OFFICIALS

The Central Government has decided to advance 75 per cent of the emoluments of the Central Government servants who happened to be in East Pakistan in connection with official duties during the recent enemy action, to their families residing in West Pakistan.

A circular issued here today by the Ministry of Finance in this regard says: "In the case of a Central Government servant whose family is residing in West Pakistan, and who happened to be in East Pakistan in connection with official duties and could not return to West Pakistan as a result of the recent enemy action, an amount equivalent to 75 per cent of his last known net monthly emoluments shall be advanced to his family in West Pakistan every month, beginning with the salary for the month of December 1971.

Such payment shall continue for a period of six months in the first instance, or till the official concerned returns to claim his emoluments, whichever is the earlier.

The payments of this advance shall be made, on or immediately after the first of the month following the month to which it relates in accordance with the procedure specified by the Ministry of Finance.—APP.

Bhutto for political settlement, not military solution

NEW YORK, Dec. 18: Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister-designate Zulfikar Ali Bhutto said yesterday he was confident of Pakistan's future because "we have the courage, the stamina ... to pick up the pieces to remake our country."

Addressing a packed Press conference at the Pakistan Mission, he said: "Please give us some time to do it."

"Tell the world to get off our backs. We want your goodwill, give us some time to put our house in order."

He said the days ahead would be difficult. "We will have to have the courage, the stamina, to pick up the pieces, no matter how little they are, and build a new, strong and progressive Pakistan."

At the very outset of his Press conference, the Deputy Premier-designate said that all his statements should be taken in the context of one, united Pakistan, East and West. "There is no Bangla Desh. There is East Pakistan."

He was closely questioned on the possibility of a political settlement which a Security Council resolution on India-Pakistan war was likely to include: He said he was prepared to negotiate with all parties involved, including "the genuine leaders of East Pakistan."

"We are leaving all options open," but he made it clear that he would have nothing to do with the so-called Bangla Desh nor the puppets installed by the Indian Government.

Asked how he saw peace terms of an eventual peace settlement, Mr. Bhutto said he would return to Pakistan in two to three days, talk to people and understand their feelings. In the past the people had been bypassed, but he could not do that. His roots were among the people and he would address public meetings on his return and test the mood of the people.

WORLD SUPPORT

But he made it clear that Pakistan would speak from a position of strength. "We are not in a weak position. We have had a political and moral victory", he said referring to the General Assembly's resolution voted by 104 countries. "The world has condemned aggressor India."

Asked whether Sheikh Mujibur Rahman would be freed, Mr. Bhutto said he would not like to say anything at this stage. "The situation is too complicated."

He emphasised there would have to be a negotiated political settlement, including in East Pakistan, rather than a military solution.

"Internal military solutions fail and so do external military solutions," he observed. India had chosen a military solution on the pretext of refugees and it was bound to fail. "You will see that, I am confident."

Mr. Bhutto said Pakistan's point of view on the East Pakistan problem had not been effectively put across. India, with its propagan-

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