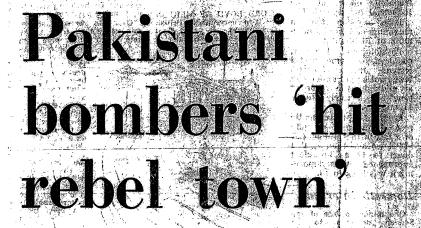


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Governor shot

By DAVID LOSHAK in New Delhi '

DAKISTAN Air Force planes were reported yesterday to have bombed the East Pakistan town of Comilla as West Pakistan troops tightened their grip in the East wing of the State. At least 10,000 civilians are said to have been killed since the Army was ordered two nights ago to crush. Sheik Mujibur Rahman's independence movement.

The Sheikh, who has pro-claimed East Pakistan to be the People's Republic of Bangla Desh (Free Bengal), broadcast a denial that he

had been arrested Radio Pakistan had claimed his arrest, but the Sheikh said he was "still as free as Bangla Desh". The province would be free "in a day or two", and he urged the people to go underground, reorganise, and attack the invaders.

A clandestine radio message

A clandestine radio message heard in New Deihi said he had set up headquarters at the port of Chittagong, where it was claimed that the Bengalis had won control.

Tanks_used:

While the Sheikh was de-nouncing what he described as the wanton killing of innocent-people and appealing for world support, a Karachi broadcast contradicted reports of wide spread fighting. Daces is statement said, was rejurning to notinal.

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Other reports spoke of up 00
10,000 unawned Bengalis being
shot down by West Pakistan
troops and tanks and artiliery
being used to wrest control of
key centres and installations
from the East Pakistanis.

There were severe clashes in
Dacca and in nearly all major
centres, including Naraigund,
Chittagong, Comilla, Rangpur,
Khulna and Jessore. Casualties
were said to be heaviest at Chittagong. tagong.



control. It repeated warnings of severe punishment at a new series of stiff martial law decrees were violated.

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sign that the regime has decided to stop at nothing to hold down the Fast wing.

The past two weeks of constitutional talks now seem to have been little more than a device to buy time to fly in extra troops and supplies. West Pakistan's Army in the east is now about 70,000 strong.

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The Army is in essence as procupying force in a wholly aller and hostile land. There is no a single Bengall who is not no being the sheek. Mujib. "Cut of from 118 bases and supplies in West/ Pakistan the Army can have no hope of suppressing the Bengalis and entitle."

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Pakistan."

In the Indian Parliament, Mrs. Gandhi, described, the military action in East Pakistan as "not merely surpression of a movement, but meeting unarmed people with tanks."

The people of East Pakistan had spoken with almost one voice when they had voted Sheikh Mujib's now-banned Awami league it the Pakistan National Assembly.

Assembly.

India is deeply concerned about the effect of the civil war bon the already tense situation in West Hengal and its capital Calcutta, where strong articles could be Calcutta, where strong anti-Government feelings could be exploited by disruptive ele-ments. There is also the pros-pect of thousands more refugees itooding into Wast Bengal