that East Pakistan was virtually sealed off from the outside world, but the indications were that the killing was on a mass scale. The Dacca curfew was lifted yesterday, but last night more troops were flown to Chittagong to quell disturbances.

Diplomatic missions and foreign observers in Dacca reported that the troops were showing no mercy in their efforts to suppress the independence movement of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman’s Awami League.

Sheikh Under Arrest

West Pakistani officials denied allegations against the army and said peace had been restored and life was returning to normal. They said wild stories were being picked up from a clandestine radio station operating from a ship moored near Calcutta.

Sheikh Mujib was believed to be under army arrest last night. A small force of troops surrounded his home in Dacca late on Thursday night.

There were fears that the conflict might spread across the border to West Bengal where sympathy with fellow Bengalis in East Pakistan might be exploited by Indian political agitators. India is not expected to intervene at present.

Plans have been made to fly 800 Britons out of East Pakistan if the fighting worsens.

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East wing sealed off

By David Loshak, in New Delhi.

KILLING on a mass scale is under way in East Pakistan, caught in the grip of a vicious civil war, according to all available indications from the province, which is now virtually sealed off from the outside world.

Heavy civilian casualties can be expected from the army takeover of East Pakistan. Although the capital, Dacca, has been cold-blooded and indiscriminate, although there was almost no sign of armed men until today.

Heavy artillery shelled my hotel as the army moved into the city and I could see buildings being burned in the main streets.

The sound of machine-gun fire was coming from the direction of the university, where students from the elements of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman’s Awami League.

First detainees

It is not yet clear whether the army has also arrested but many observers believe that Sheikh Mujib will be one of the first to be detained. The police have

tion of the province.

ARMY ‘IN COMPLETE CONTROL’

By M. F. H. Beg

in Karachi

COMPLETE peace has been restored and life was returning to normal in East Pakistan, the provincial martial law administrator, General Zia Khan, said yesterday.

Government officials in Karachi said that a clandestine radio station and the Dacca-based Bengali Daily Desh had been operating from an Indian ship in the Hooghly River near Dacca.

They said the army’s crackdown had not stopped the station and that the radio was transmitted from the ship, which was only 12 miles from East Pakistan’s main towns.

The officials said that the Dacca Daily Desh was a front for the East Pakistan government. The Daily Desh is a front for the East Pakistan government.

A heavy force was being deployed to suppress the “demonstrations” and to cut off supplies to East Pakistan, the sources said.

A witness who was in Dacca on Thursday night when Mujib was arrested said that the area around the hotel where Mr. Beg, the chief correspondent, stayed was deserted because of a sudden curfew.

“Taken care of”

A private soldier with a small force went to the house when the Sheikh’s security guards had been called in. The soldier said that he had been sent by General Zia Khan to “take care of” the Sheikh.

He immediately took him to the army headquarters in Dacca and was told to wait in the car. The soldier said that he had been given a list of names and was told to “see the man in charge.”

“Roger,” he said, and then left.

Hated voices

Many senior West Pakistani officials stated that the army had taken control of the government and the military had been called in to restore order.

The past two days, one after the other, have been extremely heavy.

The Bengali Daily Desh, thought to be in the far north, has been publishing editorials denouncing the army and calling for the release of Sheikh Mujib.