

ARMY 'IN COMPLETE CONTROL'

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in Karachi

COMPLETE peace had been restored and life was returning to normal in East Pakistan, the province's martial-law administrator, General Tikka Khan, said yesterday.

Government officials in Karachi said that a clandestine radio calling itself the Voice of Bangla Desh was operating from an Indian ship at the mouth of the Hoogly River, near Calcutta.

They said the Army's tracking unit had pinpointed the station within six hours of its going on the air. Its radius was limited and that was why its reception was better in Calcutta than in East Pakistan's main towns.

The officials said it was concocting the most fantastic stories about the East Pakistan situation and, by misleading extremists and hotheads, was only contributing to greater hardships.

A heavy toll was being taken of misguided youths, who were following the directions of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, they added.

A witness who was in Dacca on Thursday night when Mujib was arrested said that the area around the Sheikh's home was deserted because of a sudden curfew.

"Taken care of"

An Army officer with a small force went to the house when the Sheikh's security officer, former Commander Muzzamil, appeared. Muzzamil, who was implicated with the Sheikh in an alleged secessionist plot in 1968, was "taken care of" before he could pull his revolver, said the observer.

Immediately after him another armed guard appeared and was "similarly dealt with." Then the Sheikh appeared, "trembling and pleading for clemency."

Another witness said that big fires last Thursday night were started by Awami League armed guards and militant students. Students blew up an arms dump at Iqbal Hall, part of Dacca University, before Army units arrived and two other dumps were blown up.

Officials believe that many armed Indian agents, aided by East Pakistani Hindus have infiltrated the province since Mujib started his movement of civil disobedience on March 1.