East wing sealed off

By DAVID LOSHIK 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.

CASUALTIES LIKELY TO BE HEAVY

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who left Dacca yesterday, 48 hours after the civil war broke out in East Pakistan.

Heavily-casualty casualties can be expected from the army takeover of East Pakistan as the shelling of the city by the ADMINISTRATION has been cold-blooded and indiscriminate although there was no sign of armed resistance.

The sound of machine-gun fire was coming from the direction of the university, where the headquarters of the Bengali Awami League, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Awami League.

First detaines

It is not yet clear whether there have been widespread arrests in the city where, at least, Sheikh Mujibur will be one of the first military detaines.

The shelling, which started late on Thursday night, left Dacca and many other towns in the province entirely cut off by Friday.

There were hours of concentration in the streets after Government troops had captured the city on Friday. They set fire to it and by morning several buildings were ablaze.

Nine Bengalis arrested

Nine Bengalis were arrested in Birmingham yesterday. They included a number of men with tickets for the meeting with Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Six were charged with breaking in the building, which was pointed out as a "Bengali" building.

Cyklone hits coast

Cyklone Maxie hit the west coast of Australia. It caused widespread damage and heavy rain. It caused about 20,000 miles of damage. It was a heavy storm. It was a strong storm.

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Pretense dropped

The official Government Radio, broadcasting from Dacca, last night dropped its pretence that its operation was "normal" and under control. It warned that "several thousand" extra troops had been airlifted to Chittagong to quell mass disturbances.

The official radio, as well as the clandestine radio, repeated its claim and said that 20,000 troops were with him who were killed across the border in the tribal region of northeast India. There was a statement of a Pakistani military officer that said the operation was a success.

Concern in India

The civil war in East Pakistan is causing mounting concern in India. The Indian Army Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Manekshaw, rushed to Dacca for consultations at Cabinet level. India's own crisis-ridden state of West Bengal, still chronically unstable under the Pakistan's rule, has raised serious repercussions on the Indian side.

There are about 100,000 Indian soldiers along the border at present. They were called in to maintain order during the General Strike last night. Their presence now is aimed at maintaining Indian security.

There are fears that conflict could spread to West Bengal in wake. Feelings of solidarity will fan the flames of unrest in Pakistan could be exploited and whipped up by political agitators.

Significantly, the Marxists in West Bengal have already put into practice their own version of Sheikh Mujib's six-point agenda and are demanding greater autonomy from New Delhi.

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and trucks loaded with troops in camouflage covered. Armored personnel carriers moved through the capital.

The chief of staff in Dacca, the number of dead and wounded among civilians and diplomatic personnel will be very high, with light Armored personnel carriers. It is impossible to tell in Dacca how the occupation is proceeding.

The Army takeover came only after it's collapse of talks to try to resolve the constitutional crisis.

Army commanders refused to explain what happened on Thursday, except to say: "We've had an operation, and it was successful."

By 8 p.m. on Thursday it was obvious the crunch was about to come. The number of troops entering Dacca, according to my hotel, the Intercontinental, was 30,000.

All was peaceful until 11 p.m. when a Punjab artillery captain suddenly came in and said that he had orders to fire. After I had my orders, I do not know what is happening. All I know is that if you try to stop me, I will shoot you.

Soon afterwards, sporadic firing could be heard, although cars were still moving in the streets and people were hurrying home.

The hotel closed the bar and restaurant and tried to send staff home but a curfew prevented them leaving.

Information could be obtained from telephone, radio, and television, and the editor of an anti- Government paper commented: "The Bengal dream is fading. I expect my paper to close, too."

As the gunfire in Dacca intensified early on Friday morning, there were reports that Awami League leaders were killed in street fighting and that soldiers were on the lookout.

Mr. Ziaur Rahman, the West Pakistan political head of state, was kept under close surveillance at the hotel until he was flown out to Dacca with his sidesman. The army was taking no chances.

Gen. Tikka Khan, martial law administrator for East Pakistan and Dacca Radio on Friday, said the situation had assumed alarming proportions beyond normal control of civilian police and soldiers.

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Charter flights

The High Commission is evacuating British citizens in areas where the situation is considered to remain at home. There have been no reports of British casualties so far.

Complaint by officials

During Sir Cyril's meeting at the Pakistan Foreign Ministry on Sunday, officials revealed that British Press coverage of the situation.

They complained of several reports by the BBC and other British newspapers that had been received. Sir Cyril referred to the Press Council's concern and restrictions on information given out officially by the Government.

One of the hot issues against the Press during the weekend was to stop a number of foreign journalists from Dacca.

The Pakistan Foreign Ministry has also protested to Mr. John Finn, United States Ambassador, about some American reporting of the situation.

Army in control

Reports from East Pakistan yesterday showed that it had been reduced to a state of war. Many thousands left Dacca for country districts after the curfew was announced on Saturday and a fire had spread through the city.

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