

MARTIAL LAW ORDERS

ORDERS BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL TIKKA KHAN, S. Pk psc MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR ZONE 'B' MARTIAL LAW ZONE 'B' ORDER

1. WHEREAS a grave situation has arisen in East Pakistan in which open defiance of the present Administration, infringement of the MLKs MLOs as a consequence of unbridled political activity to the jeopardy and integrity of East Pakistan, has assumed an alarming proportion beyond the normal control of the civil Administration, police and EPR, and WHEREAS in the interest of national security it is expedient to effectively arrest the deteriorating situation. Now therefore, I, Lieutenant General TIKKA KHAN, S.Pk, do hereby issue the following Martial Law Orders.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 120

All persons employed in whatever capacity in the Government, semi-Government, semi autonomous, or autonomous bodies, excluding the PIA, shall report for duty to their respective departments by 1000 hrs 27.3.71 of the issue of this order failing which their services are liable to be terminated followed by trial in a Military Court for non-compliance of this Order. Heads of the departments will submit names of absentees to Major General civil affairs.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 124

No person shall indulge in activities aimed at organising or taking the form of armed para Military or volunteer corps or auxiliary forces.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 129

No person shall loot, 'ghero', 'jailoo' or indulge in arson, or in acts of sabotage, or subversion or indulge in any insurrectional activity, or create disaffection amongst the police, or EPR or any other law enforcing agency.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 117

Political activity of any kind whatever is banned in East Pakistan. No person shall attend or organise or make a speech or raise a slogan publicly or attempt to make a speech either in the open or indoor nor any person shall take part in any procession of whatever nature.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 121

All educational institutions throughout East Pakistan shall till further orders remain closed.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 125

No person shall carry any lathi, iron rod, ram-dao, or any other lethal or formidable weapon which can cause an injury to a person.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 130

Army personnel are authorised to make a search of any place, shop, residence or abode for the purpose of recovering any weapon or subversive literature provided the searching party shall not consist of less than one commissioned officer and two other ranks. The term commissioned officer includes a junior commissioned officer.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 118

No news, speech, poster or leaflet shall be published in the press or announced on TV or radio without prior censorship by the Authority appointed in this behalf.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 122

No person shall be in possession of fire arms, ammunition, explosives. All such persons, excluding diplomatic staff, shall immediately surrender such weapons to the nearest police station within 24 hours of the issue of this Order and get proper receipts. This order shall not apply to members of armed forces, civil armed forces and police. After verification licensed fire arms will be returned to the owners.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 126

Assembly of five or more persons is prohibited till next 72 hours after lifting of the curfew. Permission may be sought for religious rites.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 127

Strikes, lockouts and agitations in educational institutions, government offices, public utility works and installations, services and industrial concerns in the Province of East Pakistan shall be prohibited with immediate effect.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 131

All owners of cyclostyling and reproduction machines shall deposit such machines with the Headquarters of Sub Administrators Martial Law within 24 hours of the issue of this order.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 119

No news or views, bearing or likely to have a bearing on the political developments or law and order situation in East Pakistan be published, broadcast or telecast or otherwise spread or communicated in any manner without prior Censor by the Censorship Centres set up at Headquarters Martial Law Administrator Zone 'B' and Sub Administrators Martial Law in this behalf. The spreading of such news or views include the transmitting of messages through the media of teleprinters, radio transmitters, possessed by private individuals, banks, missions or other allied services or agencies.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 123

All banks in the Province of East Pakistan shall close down forthwith and cease money transaction including foreign exchange until notified to the contrary. The closing down of the banks will include freezing of all accounts and sealing of individual lockers.

MARTIAL LAW ORDER NO. 128

No foreigner working or residing in East Pakistan shall pass or distribute weapons of any type or description to anyone in East Pakistan overtly or covertly without prior written permission of the Martial Law Administrator.

2. Disobedience of any of these Orders shall attract the provisions of MLR-25 which prescribe maximum punishment of ten years R. 1 or as specified in relevant Martial Law Regulations.

Place: Dacca, date: 25 March 1971.