



With the restoration of normalcy people in large numbers returning to Rajshahi town from their villages on April 26, 1971.

# Entire Rajshahi district cleared of infiltrators

**RAJSHAHI, April 24:—**The entire Rajshahi district, including the Rajshahi proper, Natore, Nawabganj, Bardah and Naogson, has been completely cleared of the armed Indian infiltrators, miscreants and anti-state elements and the area is under full control of the Pakistan Army, says Altaf Yawar, APP's special correspondent.

During my 3-day tour of these places, I did not find any trace of so-called "Mukti Bahini" (liberation army) nor did I see any "engagement" or "pitched battles" between the Pakistan Armed Forces and the "bahini" as was being persistently broadcast by the All-India Radio to mislead the outside world.

Rather I found the dwellers of Rajshahi which is the major town in North Bengal eager to restore normal conditions in every walk of life, from banking to conservancy. As I drove through the roads and streets of the area I saw large number of people filing into the towns carrying their belongings. They had fled into rural areas out of terror of Indian armed men and miscreants and were coming back because they had made sure that life had started becoming normal.

Since April 26 I was the first outside journalist to visit Rajshahi town and first thing I did was to call at the local Martial Law Administrator office and talked to

people of different segments of the society who usually come at such places for sorting out their day-to-day problems.

There I found a large deputation of local political leaders having a meeting with the Administrator. They belonged to the Pakistan Democratic Party, the Jamaat-e-Islami and three factions of the Muslim League.

They handed over a joint resolution to the Administrator assuring him their unstinted support and cooperation in maintaining law and order and in helping the Pakistan Army wipe out Indian intruders and infiltrators.

They also congratulated the President of Pakistan for taking (Continued on page 6 col. 4)

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ing timely action in saving the country from disintegration.

The joint statement further said, "We strongly condemn the false and malicious propaganda being carried on by All-India Radio and other Indian news media with a view to undoing Pakistan."

## Peace Committee

A 13-member peace and welfare committee was also formed at the meeting for assisting the Martial Law authorities in restoring full normalcy.

The committee which is headed by Mr. Mohammad Ayenuddin of the Convention Muslim League has Mr. Ahfazuddin Ahmed of the Jamaat-e-Islami as its convener.

This meeting was immediately followed by a meeting of the heads of local Departments and utility services with the local Martial Law Administrator.

Each officer informed the Administrator of the progress of work in his respective sphere.

The Officer-in-Charge of Food Supplies told the meeting that the food stocks in the district were adequate.

Efforts were being made to expedite movement of food-grains.

The Chairman of the Municipality said six anti-cholera vaccination centres had been set up in different places of the town.

During my round of some Government offices I found almost normal attendance. At the Commissioner's Office, the Assistant Commissioner gave me the figures of the attendance in the town.

According to these figures class-wise attendance was as follows: Class IV—ninety per cent; class III—sixty per cent, class II—ninety-five per cent and class I—seventy-five per cent.

Rajshahi Medical College Hospital was also working. When the Medical Superintendent, Dr. M. R. Chaudhury, took me around, I saw doctors, male and female nurses attending to patients in the male and female surgical wards. The outdoor patients department was also thrown open to public today.

# Peace committee formed at Shahjahanpur

In a largely attended meeting held at Shahjahanpur on Saturday a peace committee was formed with Mr. M.A. Khaleque as convener and 21 persons as members, reports APP.

The meeting by a resolution called upon the people not to pay any heed to the Indian false propaganda.

## Ayub leaves

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(Convention) leaders Syed Ali Asghar Shah, Malik Sher Bahadur and Sardar Khizer Hayat Khan.

Field-Marshal Ayub Khan was accompanied by his son, Mr. Tahir Ayub and son-in-law, Captain (Retd) Aurangzeb Khan from Karachi Captain (Retd) Gohar Ayub will accompany him abroad



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