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## Gen. Hamid visits troops in eastern border Anti-state elements eliminated

General Abdul Hamid Khan, Chief of Staff, Army, on Wednesday visited troops in Brahmanbaria and Feni areas along the eastern border, reports APP.

The Chief of Staff was accompanied by the Commander, Eastern Command and the GOC.

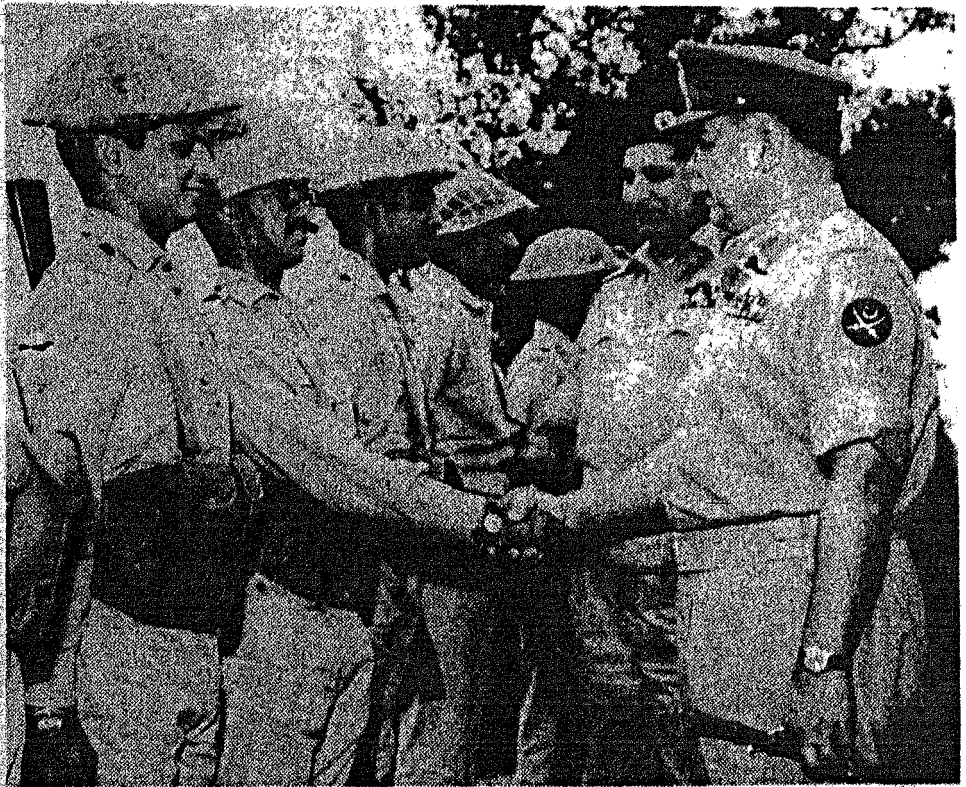
The local commanders, briefing the Army Chief of Staff at their respective headquarters, told him that the troops had closed up to the border in their respective areas minimising chances of Indian infiltration and food smuggling across the border. Consequently, the food situation, they added, had further improved in the border areas.

General Hamid was also told that some anti-state elements, supported by Indian troops with covering fire from across the border, last week managed to sneak into a few places along the eastern border. They sought to disrupt our means of communications but they were detected in time and eliminated. Considerable quantities of arms, ammunition, and explosives were captured from them.

General Hamid, travelling by Army helicopter, also flew to Mantala in Brahmanbaria area and Bakhahat in Feni area. At every place, he met the troops, talked to them freely and enquired about their welfare. The troops were cheerful and in high spirits.

General Hamid was told that a large number of people were voluntarily forming village defence teams to protect themselves from any possible harassment at the hands of troublemakers. These teams were also cooperating with the authorities in rehabilitating people's confidence. Following restoration of peaceful conditions, the people in border areas, who had fled across had returned to their homes.

General Hamid returned to Dacca in the afternoon.



General Abdul Hamid Khan, Chief of Staff, Pakistan Army meets soldiers in

the eastern border belt of East Pakistan, on Wednesday (23.6.71). On his right

is Lt-Gen. A. A. K. Niazi, Commander, Eastern Command.

## Unprovoked firing by Indians protested

ISLAMABAD, June 23.—Pakistan has protested to India against the repetitions of unprovoked firing on and trespassing into Pakistan's territory by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) and other armed personnel, it was officially stated today, reports APP.

Two notes handed over to the Indian High Commissioner here separately on June 21 and

June 22 protested against India's continuing hostility and said Pakistan reserved right to claim compensation for the loss caused to life and property in these incidents.

Another APP message from Rawalpindi says: The fresh incidents have been reported of unprovoked Indian firing into East Pakistan on June 21. It was officially stated today. The first incident occurred

in the Baikari area of Khulna district, when the Indians fired at Pakistani troops. Indians also fired with heavy mortar and field guns on Pakistan border outpost at Benapole in Jessore district.

A Pakistan patrol party on normal border patrolling was fired upon by Indian troops in Bogra district using heavy and light machine-guns.