

Visit to western region Gen. Hamid apprised of good work done by peace bodies

General Abdul Hamid Khan, Chief of Staff, Army during his visit to the western region of East Pakistan on Thursday was apprised of the good work done by the peace committees and the cordial relationship between the civil population and military authorities, reports APP.

General Hamid flew on Thursday morning to Jessore, Jhenidah, Chuadanga and Faridpur. He returned to Dacca in the afternoon. He was accompanied by the Commander Eastern Command and the GOC.

General Hamid was told that patriotic people of the region actively cooperated with the authorities in wiping out anti-state elements. Some of these elements, who tried to save themselves by hiding in the peace-loving localities, were unearthed by the local people and were subsequent-

ly dealt with. Many Razakar organisations had come up to deal with the trouble-makers.

The local Commander told General Hamid that the authorities, with the help of the patriotic citizens, had succeeded in removing unfounded fear from the public mind. The people had now fully realized falsity of hostile propaganda, he added.

Talking of chances of infiltration through water channels, the local Commander told General Hamid that riverine routes had been effectively blocked and the troops were also trained and equipped to undertake riverine operations, if necessary.

At Chuadanga, General Hamid saw troops crossing a water obstacle with the help of boats, rafts and other improvised means. He found them fully skilled and adequately equipped to be mobile and effective during monsoon.

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