



General Abdul Hamid Khan Chief of Staff Pakistan Army talking to the members of the Peace Committee during his visit to Barisal and Chandpur on 27.6.71.

Mufti Mahmud welcomes approach of self-reliance

PESHAWAR, June 27:—

Maulana Mufti Mahmud, MNA-elect and General Secretary of the Pakistan Jamat-ul-Ulema-i-Islam (Hazarvi Group) here today welcomed an approach of self-reliance in the Central Budget announced yesterday, reports APP.

Addressing a Press conference, Maulana Mufti Mahmud, described the budget as "reasonable". He appreciated a cut on the non-developmental expenditure, and aversion to import of luxury goods from abroad.

Maulana Mufti Mahmud, however, observed that a surplus of Rs. 86 crores had been allocated in the budget with an additional taxation to the tune of rupees 58 crores. This, he said, should have been adjusted in the prices of consumer goods, in such a way that it brought relief to the poor people of the country.

Gen. Hamid told of achievement

Export cargo in Ctg. shipped

The entire export cargo lying in Chittagong Port has been shipped, reports APP.

This was conveyed to General Abdul Hamid Khan, Chief of Staff, Pakistan Army, by the Chairman of the Chittagong Port Trust, when he visited Chittagong on Sunday morning.

Briefing the Chief of Staff, the Chairman of the Port Trust, apprised him of the marked operational efficiency achieved by the Port during the current months, maintaining that in the present circumstances it was not a mean achievement in itself.

General Abdul Hamid Khan, on the conclusion of his visit to Chittagong, Barisal and Chandpur, returned to Dacca on Sunday evening. He was accompanied by the Commander, Eastern Command.

The Chairman of the Port Trust told the Chief of Staff that with its adequate labour force it had now become possible to expeditiously handle the entire incoming and outgoing cargo. During the last

24 hours in spite of heavy rains, he said, about 6,000 tons of cargo was handed.

Owing to monsoons cargo handling operations are hampered yet every effort is being made not to lose a single working day.

With this prompt clearance of cargo the chances of congestion in the Port had been eliminated, he said.

He further said that the Port authorities had provided more covered storage space for foodgrains adding that simultaneously arrangements were being made to despatch foodgrains to different parts of the province.

About cargo holding capacity, he assured, that there was enough covered and open storage capacity available in the port. If need be, he said, we would appreciably increase our storage capacity.

After his arrival in Chittagong General Abdul Hamid Khan visited the Pakistan Navy destroyer PNS Badar, Some time on board of the (Continued on page 6 col. 6)

Gen. Hamid

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ship, the Chief of Staff visited the naval base.

Barisal

In Barisal, the local commander briefed him about the situation in the area. He said that when the Army came here it found that the area was held in strength by the miscreants. It has been since cleared and purged of the anti-state elements.

While discussing the general situation of law and order in the area, prominent citizens and members of the peace committee informed the Chief of Staff that complete normalcy prevailed in their areas.

The local population, he said, extended their full cooperation to the Army in locating the miscreants and providing vital information about their nefarious activities. He said that the Army had now adequate resources to get hold of these elements and deal with them severely.

He commended, in particular, the "fine job" being done by the public, the police and the civil administration in enforcing law and order and restoring full normalcy.

Civilian morale and confidence, which had been rather shaken by the miscreants' activities, had been fully restored with the help of the peace committees who were also performing an excellent job of work.

The local commander also said that the returnees were being given all the necessary encouragement and facilities to come back to their hearths and homes. He disclosed that the Army had recovered 50 per cent of the money looted by the miscreants from the Government Treasury at Pirojpur.

Chandpur

At Chandpur, the Chief of Staff was informed by the local citizens and members of the peace committee that the Army had succeeded in providing a sense of security to the peace-loving citizens and had been able to protect them from the deprivations of the mischief-mongers.

The Chief of Staff was told that there had been a fair amount of infiltration and concentration of miscreants in the border-belt but the Army had taken adequate measures to frustrate their designs.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner of the area, while apprising the Chief of Staff of law and order situation, said that the Government Departments were functioning again, the normal days, and that more than 90 per cent Government servants were attending the offices.

Wherever the Chief of Staff went on Sunday he was warmly welcomed by the members of the peace committees of the respective areas. The Chief of Staff was assured by them of their unstinted assistance and support to the Government in maintaining law and order and re-activating the economic life of their regions to the fullest degree.