



Lieut. General A. A. K. Niazi, Commander, Eastern Command and Deputy Martial Law Administrator, Zone 'B' addressing the people of Sherpur (Jamaipur) on Saturday (17.7.71).

Decision not to load Padma reversed

BALTIMORE, July 17:—The leadership of the International Longshoremen's Association here yesterday reversed its decision not to do loading work on the Pakistali freighter Padma, reports Reuter.

APP adds from Karachi Rear Admiral U. A. Saied, Managing Director of the National Shipping Corporation, has thanked Mrs. Elizabeth Bentley Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission of the United States for her help (Continued on page 8 Col 4)

Dacca weather

The maximum temperature recorded in Dacca on Saturday was 81 degrees Fahrenheit and the minimum was 76 degrees Fahrenheit; the rainfall in Dacca was recorded at 0.38 (till 6 a.m.).

The sun sets in Dacca at 6.48 p.m. on Sunday and rises 5.21 a.m. on Monday.

Gen Niazi visits Sherpur People's patriotic spirit appreciated

Lieut. General A. A. K. Niazi, Commander, Eastern Command and Deputy Martial Law Administrator, Zone 'B', during his visit to Tangail, Sherpur (Jamaipur) and Haluaghat (Mymensingh) today, met the troops and members of Peace Committees who are assisting the civil administration in maintenance of law and order in the region, says a Press release issued in Dacca by the ISPR on Saturday.

General Niazi, who was accompanied by the GOC also met the civil and military officials at each place.

The local officials told the General that the people were offering themselves in great numbers for enrolment as Razakars. They were being trained and armed. The trained Razakars were guarding culverts and bridges and

assisting the law enforcing agencies in tracking down trouble-makers.

General Niazi saw some of the Razakars under training.

At Sherpur (Jamaipur), a jubilant crowd of over 15 thousand greeted the Deputy Martial Law Administrator raising full-throated patriotic slogans. They carried national flags and expressed their determination to fight against enemies of Pakistan. The routes and the venue of the gathering were decorated with national flags and colourful bunting. Conspicuous among the crowd, was a party of 'Chhoto Razakars' (young Razakars) in shorts and green scarves.

On behalf of the people of Sherpur Circle, the Peace Committee presented an add- (Continued on page 8 Col. 5)

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ress of welcome to General Niazi. The address was followed by speeches by prominent citizens paying tributes to the armed forces for safeguarding the integrity and solidarity of Pakistan. "We know from the core of our heart that the nefarious Indian design to disintegrate Pakistan in complicity with anti-state elements has been foiled by our valiant armed forces," they said.

Replying to the address of welcome, General Niazi appreciated their patriotic spirit and determination. He said that the unity in our ranks and dedication to our cause, is an impregnable shield against all threats to our security. Referring to the role of armed forces, General Niazi said that defence of the country against internal and external dangers was the basic task of the defence services; and in quelling down the recent secessionist movement, they had simply discharged their duty. He added that Muslims never fear death because if they die in the noble cause of defending their homeland they achieve martyrdom and if they survive, they live as 'Ghazis'.

After the meeting General Niazi drove through the town and visited the Razakars training camp at Sherpur.

Taprail

Tangail

Earlier, General Niazi landed at Tangail where he was briefed by the local Commander. General Niazi was told that the law and order situation in the district was well under control. However it was reported recently that 3 gangs of dacoits who were let loose from jails systematically in March last by extremist Awami Leaguers were terrorizing the people and indulging in heinous crimes. Therefore an army detachment had been sent to comb the area and adequate measures had been taken to protect the life, honour and property of peace-loving citizens the Commander added.

General Niazi also met members of Peace Committees and Razakars at Tangail.

Haluaghat

At Haluaghat (Mymensingh) General Niazi was told that some saboteurs from across the border, at times tried to sneak into Pakistan territory to disrupt our means of communication and to harass peace-loving citizens. As a preventive measure the area was being intensively patrolled.

General Niazi also met the troops at Haluaghat talked to them informally and enquired about their welfare. He found them happy and confident.

General Niazi returned to Dacca in the afternoon.