

Gen Niazi warns people against Indian design

Lt-Gen. A. A. K. Niazi, Commander, Eastern Command and Martial Law Administrator, Zone 'B', on Wednesday said that India, who is shelling our border villages killing scores of innocent men women and children every day, cannot be a well-wisher of the people of East Pakistan, reports APP.

Gen. Niazi was addressing members of peace committee at Domar, north of Nilphamari in Rangpur district. He was on a day's tour of the area. He also visited Rangpur and Lalmonirhat. He was accompanied by senior military officers.

Gen. Niazi recalled the pre-independence days when Muslims of the sub-continent were being milled under Hindu domination and said that India is again endeavouring to bring this province under her hegemony. He warned the

people to beware of her designs and value their independence as a Muslim nation. "An honourable death for the sake of one's homeland is better than a life of servitude," he emphasized.

Gen. Niazi exposed the incongruity of Indian claims and her actions. He said on the one hand, she boasts of her sympathy for the people of East Pakistan while on the other, she is constantly shelling our border villages, killing scores of innocent men, women and children every day. He added that saboteurs trained equipped and sent by India into East Pakistan, are achieving nothing except causing hardship to the people.

"Is it the way, she wants to demonstrate her sympathy for the people of this wing," he (Continued on page 8 col. 5)

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asked.

The General commended the efforts of the people of Rangpur district in fighting out the enemies of Pakistan in this connection, he made a particular mention of the Razakars who are rendering valuable service for the integrity and solidarity of Pakistan. He said that every Muslim is a mujahid dedicated to the cause of Islam and his homeland.

Earlier, Gen. Niazi was told by the local commander that the "Al-Badr" and "Al-Shams" wings of Razakars are successfully carrying out varied assignments independently as well as in conjunction with regular troops.

"It was mainly due to the vigilance of Razakars that not a single bridge or culvert was destroyed by Indian agents in the area," the local Commander told the General.

Gen. Niazi also saw a large variety of arms, ammunition and explosives captured recently by the troops and the Razakars in various encounters with Indian agents.

The captured material which bore Indian markings included sten guns, rifles, daggers, grenades, mines, explosive and pairs of uniforms.

Gen. Niazi also drove through Domar and Lalmonirhat where the people lined up on both sides of the road greeted him with spontaneous salutations and patriotic slogans. The General waved back in appreciation of their enthusiasm.

During his day-long tour, Gen. Niazi also met the troops and talked to them informally. He found them like a pressed coil ready to spring on the enemy as and when ordered to do so.

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