

**Amin urges Yahya**

# Increase number of Razakars

LAHORE, Nov. 6:—Mr. Nurul Amin, President of the Pakistan Democratic Party today had a 90-minute meeting with President, General Yahya Khan at Governor's House where the President is staying, reports APP.

After the meeting Mr. Nurul Amin told newsmen that he mainly discussed the latest situation in East Pakistan. The current by-elections there also came under discussion.

He said he had told the President that India had intensified her sabotage activities in East Pakistan after by-elections started in that wing.

He said he had suggested to the President that number of Razakars in that wing should be increased and more arms should be supplied to them.

He said the Razakars were doing very good work there but all of them were not armed at present. Mr. Nurul Amin did not agree with the allegation that Razakars were killing their political opponents.

Mr. Nurul Amin said he had also suggested to the President that the draft constitution should be published earlier than December 20—the day of its promulgation—so that the political parties could get more time to consider it before the National Assembly meets on December 27.

Answering a question Mr. Nurul Amin said the President would stick to his programme of transfer of power and remarked that the longer the power would remain with the Army, the worse it would be for the country.

Replying to another question he said all those members of the National Assembly belonging to the defunct Awami League who have been cleared might not be physically present in the country at present but they could come back by the morning of December 27 to take their seats in the Assembly. Therefore, no census was possible at present to ascertain the total number of seats vacant in the Assembly as was suggested by the questioner.

Answering another question

Answering another question he said the political parties act was still operative. The position might change with the promulgation of the new constitution but, he said, the Political Parties Act did not stand in the way of members of the defunct Awami League to join any other party.

Replying to another question he said, to his mind the Political Parties Act was an impediment to free democracy and freedom of association.

Answering another question he said he understood that maximum provincial autonomy was being guaranteed in the new constitution. He said his party was neither committed to separate electorates nor joint electorate. But we are not opposed to separate electorates, he added.

He told a correspondent that he told the President about the mystery of six People's Party candidates being elected to the National Assembly unopposed in the by-elections and the President had promised to look into the matter.

He said he had also suggested to the President to make a visit to East Pakistan and added he (President) was trying to find an opportunity to visit that wing as early as possible.

Mr. Nurul Amin said the alliance of the six parties would continue in the National Assembly as well and their members would sit together either in Government or in opposition.

Replying to another question he said some arrangements would have to be made so that the six parties in the alliance are headed by one man on the lines of Pakistan Democratic Movement.