

Proclamation By Rahman

AGARTALA, March 26.—Broadcasting tonight from a clandestine radio station identified as the Voice of Independent Bangla Desh the announcer said Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has declared the 75-million people of East Pakistan as citizens of the sovereign independent Bangla Desh, says PTI.

The clandestine radio, evidently located in the northern region of East Pakistan, said that the East Bengal Regiment, the East Pakistan Rifles and the entire police force have rallied behind Mr Rahman in the struggle for independence.

These forces, the broadcast said, have surrounded the West Pakistani troops stationed at Chittagong, Comilla, Sylhet, Jessore,

Troops After Rahman

GAUHATI, March 26.—West Pakistani troops have launched a hunt for Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who, with his top Awami League lieutenants, went underground after civil war broke out in East Pakistan today, says PTI.

1,000 Troops Sent To Dacca Via China

AGARTALA, March 26.—A 1,000-strong Pakistani commando force flew into Dacca from West Pakistan via China yesterday and today, according to a reliable report received here.—PTI.

Barisal and Khuina and heavy fighting was continuing.

The broadcast called upon the people of free Bangla Desh to continue the current movement till the last enemy soldier is vanquished.

It said Mr Rahman is the only leader of the people of independent Bangla Desh and his commands should be obeyed by all sections of people to save the country from the ruthless dictatorship of West Pakistanis.

Free Bangla Desh flags, the broadcast said, have been fluttering all over East Pakistan and millions of people led by the Awami League are ready to make any sacrifice to preserve the independence of Bangla Desh.

The broadcast directed the people not to obey the enemy martial law administration. It called upon the people to come out of their houses with whatever weapons they have and offer stiff resistance to West Pakistani troops.

The broadcast urged the people to observe a total hartal tomorrow.

It expressed optimism that ultimate victory will be theirs with the support which Mr. Rahman commands from the Bengali-dominated East Bengal Regiment, the East Pakistani Rifles and the police.

Meanwhile, reliable reports reaching here speak of heavy fighting between West Pakistani troops and Bangla Desh forces in various parts of East Pakistan.