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## MUJIB PROCLAIMS FREEDOM



Students displaying East Pakistan's 'Flag of Independence' parade in a 'No compromise with President Yahya Khan' demonstration in Dacca.—U.P.I.

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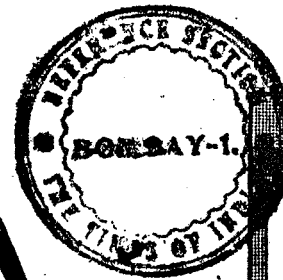


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## IS FREE BANGLA DESH

**Heavy casualties in civil war;  
Pindi troops surrounded  
in at least six cantonments**

**NEW DELHI, March 26.**

**A** "sovereign, independent People's Republic of Bangla Desh" was proclaimed by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman today even as President Yahya Khan ordered the army to "fully restore the authority" of his Government in the turbulent eastern wing.



# THE DECLARATION, BROADCAST OVER "VOICE OF INDEPENDENT BANGLA DESH", SAID: "THE SHEIKH HAS DECLARED THE 75 MILLION PEOPLE OF EAST PAKISTAN CITIZENS OF INDEPENDENT BANGLA DESH".

The President announced his tough line imposing press censorship and banning all political activity in the entire country, following the outbreak of civil war in East Pakistan.

Shortly after, there were reports of heavy casualties in the civil war in boiling Bangla Desh. "The Voice of Independent Bangla Desh" announced in a broadcast that the reinforced West Pakistani troops which had fanned out all over the province had been surrounded in at least six cantonments.

It said the personnel of the East Bengal Regiment, the East Pakistan Rifles and the entire police had the troops surrounded in Chittagong, Comilla, Sylhet, Jessore, Barisal and Khulna.

The broadcast said heavy fighting was continuing.

Freedom-fighters were effectively blocking Pakistani military operations by blowing up bridges, dismantling railway lines and immobilising the troops in various other ways, reports received from across the border said.

Shortly after the military operations began, Radio Pakistan said the situation had been brought "well under control," but the "Free Bengal" wireless station claimed that large areas, including the towns of Dacca, Chittagong, Khulna and Dinajpur, were in the hands of pro-Rahman forces.

While casualties were described as heavy in many places, details were available only from Ramgarh, close to the Tripura border, where at least eight persons were known to have

been killed and more than 100 injured when troops fired on civilians.

In another incident, four West Pakistani soldiers, being pursued by free-

## Troops flown via China

AGARTALA, March 26: A 1,000-strong Pakistani commando force has flown into Dacca from West Pakistan via China in the past two days, according to a reliable report received here.

Meanwhile, freedom-fighters of Bangla Desh captured the Chittagong radio station.—P.T.I. & U.N.I.

# Series of orders to muzzle people

CALCUTTA, March 26.

THE martial law administrator of East Pakistan, Lt-Gen. Tikka Khan, today promulgated a series of martial law orders banning all political activities.

terminated followed by trial by a military court, order 120 said.

"All persons excluding the diplomatic or service personnel have been ask-

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dom-fighters, ran towards the Indian border and three of them were killed before they could cross the border.

There was heavy fighting near Comilla, also close to the Tripura border, and the boom of machine-guns could be heard from across the Feni River.

In Jessore and Khulna districts, rail and road communications remained paralysed.

At Parsuram, in Noakhali district, a railway station was burnt down by demonstrators who clashed with troops.

Hundreds of people were arrested by the troops which were striking at civilian resistance organisations in various parts of Bangla Desh.

The day began ominously portending far-reaching developments with Dacca Betar Kendra, going off the air. The army had moved in and took control.

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

In many towns, women poured into the streets in their thousands in support of pro-Rahman demonstrators defying the martial law orders. The freedom struggle seeped into the countryside too, with villagers in several places organising themselves into self-defence groups with whatever weapons they could get hold of.

The villagers were reportedly fighting with all available weapons, including spears, lathis and "Ram Daos".

Bangla Desh tonight appealed to the United Nations and to Asian-African countries to render it all assistance in its fight for freedom.

In a late night broadcast, Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra said: "The liberation war now going on in Bangla Desh is part of the Afro-Asian countries' movement for liberation from colonial domination."

The radio referred to the surrounding of a West Punjabi regiment by the East Pakistan Rifles and "the liberation army" somewhere in Bangla Desh and said: "The whole regiment will be crushed."

The radio said it would be on the

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# Mujib, aides go underground

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.

The reports said Sheikh Mujib and his lieutenants would presumably carry on their struggle in secret, following the imposition of fresh stringent martial law regulations.

—P.T.I.

## Curfew in 9 towns

GAUHATI, March 26: Curfew was imposed in nine district headquarter towns in East Pakistan, including the provincial capital of Dacca, this evening, Radio Pakistan reported.

These towns are Dacca, Narayanganj, Chittagong, Khulna, Comilla, Sylhet, Barisal, Rajshahi and Jessore.—P.T.I.

# You Said It

By LAXMAN



Yes, we will be ruined! But think of their scheme for abolishing poverty — that's bound to help us out!

# Bangla Desh's appeal to United Nations

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air again tomorrow but did not say at what time or on what wavelengths.

Monitors, speculating on the location of the radio which was first heard this evening with Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's unilateral declaration of independence, broadcast live, averred it might be the former Chittagong station of Radio Pakistan.

Radio Australia, however, said it was located in the north-east part of Bangla Desh.

The Sheikh had earlier made an indirect appeal for UN intervention in a statement issued on March 10 and broadcast by Dacca Betar Kendra on the morning of March 11.

He had drawn U Thant's attention to the "continuing build-up of military forces in East Pakistan" and said that this had created an atmosphere of terror in the area.

In the March 10 statement, the text of which was available here today, he said: "The people's will reigns supreme in Bangla Desh. All branches of the Government, including the secretariat, Government and semi-government agencies, courts, railways and ports are complying with the directives issued by us in the name of the people of Bangla Desh. Those who thought they could impose their will upon us by force stand exposed before the world. They have failed to justify either before world opinion or the right-thinking people of West Pakistan the naked use of force against innocent unarmed people.

"Yet the reckless anti-people forces are persisting in their desperate course. The military build-up continues. Arms and military personnel are being brought in every day from West Pakistan. The ruling coterie is conspiring to ruin the economy of Bangla Desh for the vindictive purpose of aggravating the economic plight of the people which is pitiable enough after 23 years of colonial exploitation.

"An atmosphere of terror has been created and thereby foreign experts are being intimidated to evacuate Bangla Desh. By persisting in the military build-up a state of emergency is sought to be maintained during which all development work and even relief and rehabilitation work in the cyclone-ravaged areas is being brought to a standstill. Even till now no account has been published of the vast funds received from generous donors for

cyclone relief despite repeated demands for publication.

"Today you (U Thant) have authorised the evacuation of the United Nations personnel and have thus taken cognisance of the hazards to life and property to which the military forces are exposing those who are in Bangla Desh.

"Indeed, he should realise that his responsibilities do not end merely with evacuation of the United Nations personnel, for the threat that is now held out is that of genocide and the denial of the fundamental human rights guaranteed by the United Nations Charter to the 75 million people of Bangla Desh.

"The people of Bangla Desh remain determined to fight to the last and to make every sacrifice in order to fulfil their goal of emancipation and to realise their right to live as free citizens of a free country. Their high moral should be an inspiration to those who love freedom the world over. The people of Bangla Desh know that history is on their side and that no force, no matter what weapons of destruction it can muster, can deny them the ultimate victory."—U.N.I. & P.T.I.

## West Bengal alert

CALCUTTA, March 26: Security men along the 2,158-km. border with East Pakistan have been alerted by the West Bengal Government, following reports of a civil war there, an official spokesman said here today.

The border areas were, however, quiet, he said.

## Bhutto disappointed at talks' failure

COLOMBO, March 26: Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, leader of the People's Party of West Pakistan, said here today he was disappointed that no settlement had been reached in the talks held in Dacca during the past one week to resolve the political crisis facing Pakistan.

He said the talks collapsed owing to the stand taken by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, leader of the Awami League of East Pakistan.—P.T.I.

## Army Chief cuts short Poona visit

POONA, March 26: The Chief of the Army Staff, Gen. S. H. F. J. Manekshaw, cut short his Poona visit and rushed back to Delhi by an IAF plane this evening.—U.N.I.

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