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10,000 killed in Pakistan

NEW DELHI, March 27 - (AP) - Radio Pakistan announced Saturday that Sheikh Mulibur Rahman was arrested only hours after he proclaimed independence for East Pakistan

(Reuters news agency reported from New Delhi. India that at 10.000 civilians were killed in East Pakistan yesterday when troops used tanks and artillery against supporters of Sheik Mujibur Rahman Reuters picked up the news

reported by Press Trust of India, the largest news agency in that country).

(The Press Trust of India said the army used tanks in the provincial capital of Dacca, in Chittagong. Comilla, Maraingunj, Rangpur, Khulna and Jessore).

In custody

The radio, quoting an official a n n o u ncement made in the East Pakistani capital of Dacca, said Rahman was taken into custody from his residence in the city at 1:30 a.m. local time (10:30 a.m. Friday, Philippine time)

The 51-year-old Awami League leader was arrested as the West Pakistan-dominated a r m v sought to reassert its control in the eastern province.

Army winning

Reports reaching neighboring India indicated the army was gaining the upper hand in the battle against East Pakistani citi-

zens www militia men. United News of India said in a dispatch from the Indian border town of Agartsla that the army had accupied the head- lifted for a nine hour par quarters of the para-military Cast Pakistani Rifles in Apmilla distret after a p Mionged fight.

The symv also was reported w have occupied police wations in East Pakistal's Comilla and Noakhall districts.

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Radio Pakistin reports ed that shi around the clock curies imposed is Dacca by the martial law authorities on Friday was riod beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday - indicating the army was in control of the city

Independence

As of Moon Saturday, Indian monitors had not reported any broadcas w from the clandesting "Voice of Independent

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late Friday.
The radio had carried a message Friday night proclaiming independence

NEW DELHI, March 27 (AP)—United News of India reported Saturday that chief martial law administrator of East Pakistan, Lieut. Gen. Tikka Khan, died from injuries received during an attack on his residence in Dacca by supporters of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman,

The agency, in a dispatch from the Indian border town of Agastala, said der town of Agastala to the general succumbed to his injuries in a nursing home where he was taken following the attack.

The agency quoted a re-port received from across the border from a source.

the province, which is separated from West Pakis-tan by 1,000 miles of Indian territory. "The Sheikh has declared the 75 million people of East Pakistan as citizens of

the Independent Bangla Desh" Indian Indian monitors quoted an announcer as saying. The announcement made shority before Pakistan President Agha Moham-

med Yahya Khan made a nationwide broadcast in which he banned all political activity throughout the country, outlawed the Awaleague - which had won a majority of the seats in elections last December for a national assembly and accused Rahman

Yahya said Rahman and other Awami League leaders were "enemies of Pakistan."

treason.

"They want Pakistan to break, this is a crime which

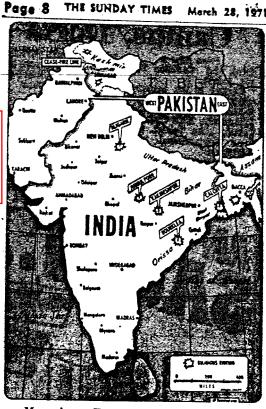
will not go unpunished."

But Yahya in his 20 minute broadcast did not mention anything about the fate of Rahman and unconfirmed reports reaching India said he had gone underground. The radio, in announcing

his arrest, did not give details of the arrest and did not specify whether Rahman had been in his resi-dence throughout the day.

Insurance salesman

Since Pakistan became independent on August 14, 1947, Rahman — who is an insurance salesman by pro-fession — has spent nine



Map shows East and West Pakistan where civil war now rages. It was taken by AP in 1965 at the height of the religious upheaval.

March 27 (Reuters) 10,000 civilians reported killed in Pakistan yesterday East

when troops used tanks and artillery against sup-porters of Sheikh Murji-bur Rahman, who has pro-claimed independence for claimed independence the eastern wing of the country. Reporting this, the array trust of India said the army used tanks in the provincial capital of Dacca, in Comilla, Ma-

and Jessore. The agency attributed its reports to information reaching the Assam town of Gauhati from across the border.

Chittagong, Comilla, Ma-raingunj, Rangpur, Khulna

The reports said casualties were heaviest in Chittagong and members
Mujib's Awami Tan Mujib's Awami League were still holding on the city radio sta seized overnight. station they

More than 1,500 people, many of them villagers, were killed as they tried to seize the airport at Jessore.

Troops used machineguns on the mob which attack-ed the airport with spears, aticks, swords and daggers, the reports said.

Bombing
NEW DELHI, March 27
(Reuters) — Pakistan air force planes today bombed East Pakistan town of Comilla, according to reliable reports received by the Press Trust of India news agency.

The agency said tanks and artillery were used against civilians in Dacca, Chittagong and other cities in East Pakistan. which Sheikh Mujib has declared independent as the state of Bangla Desh (Bengal nation).

The air strike was against the town of Comilla, which members of Sheikh Mulib's Awami League claimed to hold in a clandestine broadcast earlier today

There were conflicting re ports about the fate of Sheikh Mujib — elected leader of the 75 million mainly Bengali population of East Pakistan.

Comilla, the town reported to have been bombed, has a population of about 50,000 and lies 55 miles (90 km.) east of Dacca near the border of the Indian st e of Tripura.

Denial

NEW DELHI, March 27 (Reuters) — Supporters of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, leader of the East Pakistan - Supporters of breakaway movement, to-day denied a government radio report that he had been arrested.

The denial came in broadcast from a secret radio station somewhere in East Pakistan which Sheikh Mujib has declared independent as the state of Bangha Desh.

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