

# DACCA ASKS FOR MORE TROOPS

NEW DELHI, Sunday — Dacca Radio reported today that martial law authorities in East Pakistan had asked for troop reinforcements from the West.

Indian reports, meanwhile, said that rebel troops captured Rangpur City, about 200 miles north of Dacca yesterday. The reports also said several thousand young Awami League volunteers were marching on Dacca.

The call for more troops followed a clandestine radio message announcing that supporters of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had set up a provisional Bangla Desh (Bengali nation) government in East Pakistan.

They appealed for recognition and support.

The message, monitored by the Press Trust of India (PTI) in Calcutta, said the Government would be headed by a Major Jia Khan.

Major Jia had been identified in rebel radio reports last night as the head of the liberation army of the sheikh's outlawed Awami League.

The radio did not give any explanation why Major Jia had been appointed de facto leader of the provisional government, instead of Sheikh Mujibur.

The Pakistani Government

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claims the sheikh has been arrested but his supporters say he is still free and active at the "revolutionary headquarters," believed to be in the port city of Chittagong.

Dacca Radio has announced the airlifting of several thousand West Pakistani troops to Chittagong to "deal with disturbances."

The situation remained confused today following the Central Government's deportation of all foreign newsmen from Dacca.

Major reports on the war front were either contradicted or not confirmed by the Government's official Radio Pakistan in Karachi.

According to Radio Pakistan, Dacca was under army control, and martial law authorities denied that fighting was going on in East Pakistan.

But totally conflicting reports were commonplace.

Indian newspapers, news agencies and radio described fighting taking place throughout the province, with an estimated death toll of "more than 100,000."

The Indian Press also reported that several large towns in East Pakistan had been shelled and bombed by Pakistani aircraft.

There were contradictory reports on the fate of secessionist leader Sheikh Mujibur.

Many observers who were in East Pakistan during the past few days believe he is in

prison.

On the other hand, some Indian reports said that the sheikh was at liberty, and personally leading his "liberation army."

Radio Pakistan alleged that India had itself set up the clandestine radio station calling itself the "Voice of Bangla Desh." — Agencies

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## 75 villagers with 'hot' fire

NAKHON RATCHASIMA, Sunday — Seventy-five villagers in a forest reserve between Pak Thong Chai and Pak Chong military and police force yesterday and today on charges of arms.

The villagers offered no resistance when they were surprised by the police force and were now being detained in the two districts' police stations.

According to police and military sources, a combined 100-man force entered Ban

Changmee, Ban Changkat and Ban Nongkhun villages near the foot of the heavily jungled Dong Phrayayen Mountain Range at dawn yesterday after verifying intelligence reports that the villagers were in possession of many firearms.

## Oman blocks rebels aid from Peking

BEIRUT, Sunday — The British-officered Army of Oman has launched a Spring offensive to put down the three-year-old Peking-backed rebellion in Dhofar, the Omani government newspaper Al Watan reported yesterday.



## pull out 700'

Australian Prime Minister Wilton in Parliament on Tuesday that troops from Vietnam this week, Sunday Australian said today. Canberra bomber squadron, engineer units were to be withdrawn troops had been confirmed after Minister John Gorton to Vietnam last men would leave about 5,700 Aus- in Vietnam. — Reuter