



[UPI Cablephoto]

Indian supporters of Sheik Mujibur Rahman, East Pakistan rebel leader, demonstrate before Pakistan's embassy in New Delhi.

# Report E. Pakistan Revolt Crushed by West Troops

The writer of the following dispatch left East Pakistan yesterday. Censorship has prevented the dispatch of news from there.

reliable sources in Dacca to be under arrest. Thousands fled the city.

ers to report to their jobs yesterday but most had either refused or had fled the city. There were some who did report, however.

The sheik's 25-day resistance against the central government in West Pakistan appeared to have collapsed.

Reliable sources said Sheik Mujib was in custody along with most other leaders of his now outlawed Awami League which holds a majority in the National Assembly. The assembly was elected recently but has never gone into session.

**BY ARNOLD ZEITLIN**  
COLOMBO, Ceylon, March 28 (A) — West Pakistan's army took full control today of Dacca, the East Pakistani capital where Sheik Mujibur Rahman mounted a rebellion last week. Fighting that lasted two nights and a day is believed to have taken the lives of 5,000 to 7,000 persons in the area.

**Breakdown of Talks**  
Sheik Mujib, as he is familiarly known, launched his rebellion on Thursday after a breakdown of talks with President Agha Mohammed Yahya Khan on autonomy for the Eastern region which is separated by 1,000 miles of Indian territory from the Western region.

**Dispute Over Status**  
NEW DELHI, India, March 28 (A) — Radio Pakistan said tonight that "calm now prevails" thruout East Pakistan, but [Continued on page 10, col. 3]

[Information reaching Washington from Dacca confirmed reports that the army had taken full control of the capital. The New York Times reported.]  
The sheik was reported by

A curfew was lifted in Dacca for a few hours today but was clamped on again.  
The army had ordered work-

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Sheik Mujib's followers insisted that they were winning the civil war.

A rebel broadcast monitored by Indian sources said a Maj. Zia Khan had been named temporary head of a provisional government of Bangla Desh "under the leadership of Sheik Mujibur Rahman." Bangla Desh means Bengali Nation.

Clandestine broadcasts have identified Maj. Zia as the head of the "Liberation Army" of the Awami League.

## Location Not Given

United News of India quoted one clandestine broadcast as saying that Sheik Mujib was at the "revolutionary headquarters." The location of the headquarters was not given but the rebels claimed control of the port of Chittagong.

Radio Pakistan, controlled by the central government, claimed that "no untoward incidents occurred in Dacca and

other major cities of the province."

However, it indirectly acknowledged for the first time since the fighting broke out that there had been trouble in Chittagong. Unconfirmed reports had said Chittagong was held by Sheik Mujib's followers.

"The situation in Chittagong continues to improve and is well under control," the radio said.

## Shelling of City Told

Sheik Mujib's clandestine "Free Bengali Radio" said that the Pakistani navy shelled Chittagong tonight to soften resistance.

The broadcast said troops who had arrived by ship from Karachi three days ago finally disembarked but had to fight their way into the city, firing machine guns.

The radio also claimed that the sheik's supporters were in control of the towns of Rangpur, Jessore and Comilla. It did not mention any other cities.

Radio Pakistan said the situation was so well under con-

trol that all banks would reopen tomorrow and that a Dacca curfew would be relaxed from 7 a. m. to 5 p. m.

## Meets Foreign Envoys

It also said that the provincial martial law chief, Lt. Gen. Tikka Khan had met with senior civil servants and the consuls-general of Nepal and Japan. The general had been reported killed by the sheik's followers yesterday, but the government denied the report.

Pakistan's high commissioner, Sajjad Hyder, accused the Indian government of meddling in Pakistan's domestic affairs. He protested against "mischievous and baseless reports" in Indian newspapers and over the government-owned all-India radio network about developments in East Pakistan.

Indian authorities rejected Pakistan's charges. In a report broadcast by all-India Radio, the joint secretary of India's Foreign Ministry, Ashok Rey, denied the charge that a Free Radio Bengali station was operating from a ship near the mouth of the Hooghly.