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Provisional government formed

NEW DELHI, Sun.
—Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's supporters today formed a provisional government in East Pakistan and appealed to other countries to extend immediate recognition, a clandestine radio broadcast reported.

The broadcast, monitored by Indian sources, said a Major Jia Khan had been appointed temporary head of the new Government of Bangla Desh (Bengal nation) under the leadership of Sheikh Mujib.

Major Jia had been indentified in clandestine radio reports last night as the head of the

liberation army of the Sheikh's Awami League.

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

Broadcast

The Pakistan Government radio network has insisted the 51-year-old Sheikh was arrested but his supporters claimed he was still free.

The latest clandestine broadcast, according to United News of India, said Sheikh Mujib was at the "revolutionary headquarters."