

# Pakistan In Control Of Dacca

## Rebels Form Regime Under New Leader

From News Dispatches

West Pakistan's army took full control yesterday of Dacca, the East Pakistani capital, after two days of street fighting, according to an American journalist who left East Pakistan later in the day.

Arnold Zeitlin of the Associated Press said Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's resistance against the central government in West Pakistan appeared to have collapsed.

However, Mujibur's supporters announced yesterday the formation of a provisional government headed by Maj. Zia Khan who appealed to other countries to extend immediate recognition, according to a clandestine broadcast monitored in India.

One broadcast said the provisional government would be guided by Mujibur, leader of the Awami League, who it said was directing "the liberation struggle" from Chittagong, the main port in East Pakistan.

The broadcast gave no explanation why Maj. Zia Khan had been appointed the de facto leader of the provisional government instead of Mujibur.

Zeitlin quoted reliable sources in Dacca as saying that Mujibur was arrested along with most other leaders of the Awami League, which holds a majority in the National Assembly.

Zeitlin said 5,000 to 7,000 persons are believed to have been killed in the Dacca area. He said the army had ordered workers to report to their jobs on Saturday but most had either refused or had fled the city.

Radio Pakistan, controlled by the central government, said last night that "calm now prevails" throughout East Pakistan. It indirectly acknowledged that there had been trouble in Chittagong by saying that the situation in the port city "continues to improve and is well under control."

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said "Dacca seems to be very quiet" and that "apparently all the Americans in the area are alright."

Most reports on the situation in East Pakistan were confusing and contradictory.

The Press Trust of India quoted Radio Dacca as saying that the West Pakistani authorities in Dacca had asked for troop reinforcements from West Pakistan.

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# Pakistani Army Takes Control of Dacca

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The two Pakistans are divided by about 1,000 miles of Indian territory and troop reinforcements would have to be sent by sea or air routes around the Indian subcontinent. India has banned Pakistani flights across its territory.

A clandestine East Pakistani broadcast said the provisional government had announced a series of directives to civilian population, including orders that all airports in the province should be made unserviceable to prevent arrival of airborne troops.

The broadcast claimed that Mujibur'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 in East Pakistan was so well under control that all banks would reopen today and that a Dacca curfew from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. would be relaxed.

It also said that the provincial martial law chief, Lt. Gen. Tikka Khan, reported dead by Indian sources on Saturday, had met with senior civil servants and the consuls-general of Nepal and Japan.

Radio Pakistan said late night a martial law order had been issued formally banning the Awami League. President Yahya Khan had announced in a nationwide broadcast Friday night that the league had been outlawed.

The martial law order said

## Late Plane Foils Record Flight Try

TOKYO, March 28 (AP)—A disappointed traveler from San Francisco left for home today after failing in his bid to fly around the world on commercial airlines in a world record time.

Alexander Krutz, hoping to break the world record of 41 hours 30 minutes held by fellow San Franciscan Maurice Rosen, was delayed when a Pan American flight for San Francisco did not arrive on time from Hong Kong.



Associated Press

Pakistani troops in a truck equipped with loudspeaker patrol streets of Dacca.

all bank funds of the Awami League had been frozen and no one could become a member or call himself a member of the party.

The clandestine radio calling itself "The Voice of Independent Bangla Desh," became a bone of contention between India and Pakistan, already at odds over the crisis.

The Pakistani government fired a "strong protest" to India's foreign ministry, charging that the radio's transmitter was located aboard an Indian ship at the mouth of the Hooghly River near Calcutta. He claimed that the secret radio was broadcasting "concocted reports about East Pakistan."

Pakistan's high commissioner, Sajjad Hyder, accused the Indian government of meddling in Pakistan's domestic affairs. It 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 Roy, rejected as false the charge that a Free Radio Bengali station was operating from a ship near the mouth of the Hooghly. He said India did not allow her territory to be used by anyone for that purpose.

Reuter reported that an effigy of Yahya was burned by demonstrators yesterday in front of the Pakistan deputy high commissioner's office in Calcutta.

In an apparent effort to prevent any other clandestine broadcasts, Pakistani military authorities ordered the surrender of all amateur radio transmitters in the Eastern province, Dacca Radio said.

The Dacca broadcast also said that the curfew which has been clamped on East Pakistan would be lifted for 12 hours today. It said relaxation of the curfew was possible because the situation in the provincial capital was fast returning to normal.

Radio Pakistan has insisted

rural areas, is absolutely normal." But it gave a different picture.

"Except for a few pockets in urban Bangla Desh, where the enemy is entrenched and awaiting the liberation force of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the rest of Bangla Desh is under control of the liberation forces," it claimed.

United News of India in a dispatch from the border town of Agartala said that a company of West Pakistani troops had been wiped out in clash with Mujibur's supporters in Khulna, eight miles southwest of Dacca.

Khulna was the only city mentioned in the official government Radio Pakistan last night as being the scene of any trouble. It said that in Khulna "a mob of miscreants had to be dispersed." It gave no further details.

Political parties in West Pakistan welcomed the army takeover of the East Pakistani administration.

A joint statement issued Saturday said, "There was no other alternative left to avoid the impending disaster created by the Awami League leaders of the Eastern wing."

Large numbers of West Pakistani civilians continue to arrive in Karachi from East Pakistan by special flights of Pakistan International Airlines. East Pakistanis living in the Western wing are leaving for Dacca because of the tensions gripping both parts of the geographically divided free Bangla Desh, including country.

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