War of the words' rages

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NEW DELHI, pues - A clandestine radio continued today to broadcast victory chims on behalf of Sheikh Medibur Rahman's indepen-dence movement in East Pakistin.

But the government of Pre-sident Yahya Khan, broad-casting from stations in the western province, insisced: "the situation is under con-Indian monitors

Radio Pakistan's Dacca station had not resumed transmission today, following reports that the station under attack. The monitors had said the Dacca station was off the air for six hours yesterday and that when it resumed transmission for a brief period it appeared to be broad-

casting from a weaker trans-CONT. P. 7.

mitter than normal.

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The clandestine radio of the Shelkh's Awami League, which Indian monitors say is operating from five different wireless transmitters inside East Pakistan. broadcast a claim that the Dacca Radio station had been blown up by its supporters.

The radio also reported for the fourth straight day that the Pakistan army units Were being routed throughout the province.

The station, calling itself "Free Bangla (Bergali) Radio," said that a liberation army of Bengalis was now only 10 miles from Dacca. after a march from the port city of Chittagong.

Big 'fires raged in Chittagong last night after clasbetween government troops and citizens left many dead, according to reports reaching Tokyo

The Japanese news agency Kyodo said the reports had been received from Japanese ships anchored at the

port. The ships said there were no signs the fires were being

brought under control. Many bodies were floating in the port, the report was

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moted as saying.

Major Zia Khan identi-fied as the head of the provisional government of Bangla Desh broadcast an appeal for recognition from other countries, Indian monitors reported.

"The new democratic go-vernment is committed to a policy of non-alignment in in-ternational relations." Maior Zia was quoted as say-

United News of India said, a dispatch from the Indian border town of Krishnagar, 50 milles (80 km) north of Calcutta, that according to a message received from Awami League sources, Sheikh Mujibur's wife and daughter had taken refuge in a foreign con sulate in Dacca.

The message, according to the agency, said the con-

sulate was from a country *sympathetic to the cause of the Bangla people," but did not identify the country.

Other unconfirmed reports from across the border had said the Sheikh's Dacca residence was burned down

by army troops on Monday. With so little independent information available to observers in New Delhi, it was impossible to assess the credibility or otherwise of the "liberation army's" claims.

The almost completely contradictory nature of government and rebel broadcasts illustrates the difficulty for observers trying to





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ATTACK

Bengalis (above right) walk past still smouldering ruins of their homes destroyed by a Pakistan Government Army artillery attack on Dacca. Above left, a student covers his nose against the smell of decomposing bodies as he walks past the burnt-out office of the Provost at the Iqbal Hall, Dacca University.-AP radiophotos

'I THINK IT'S A HOLDUP'

MANILA, Tues - I was on my way to the comfort room when I saw one of the other passengers, a hippie-

ROMEO Villamor, 43. a logging representative. narrates in the following

Since no one was moles ting us, we began to feel reas