

'War of the words' rages in P'stan

NEW DELHI, Tues — A clandestine radio continued today to broadcast victory claims on behalf of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's independence movement in East Pakistan.

But the government of President Yahya Khan, broadcasting from stations in the western province, insisted: "the situation is under control."

Indian monitors said Radio Pakistan's Dacca station had not resumed transmission today, following reports that the station was 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 broadcasting from a weaker transmitter than normal.

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quoted as saying.

Major Zia Khan, identified as the head of the provisional government of Bangladesh broadcast an appeal for recognition from other countries, Indian monitors reported.

"The new democratic government is committed to a policy of non-alignment in international relations," Major Zia was quoted as say-

ing.

United News of India said in a dispatch from the Indian border town of Krishnagar, 50 miles (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 consulate in Dacca.

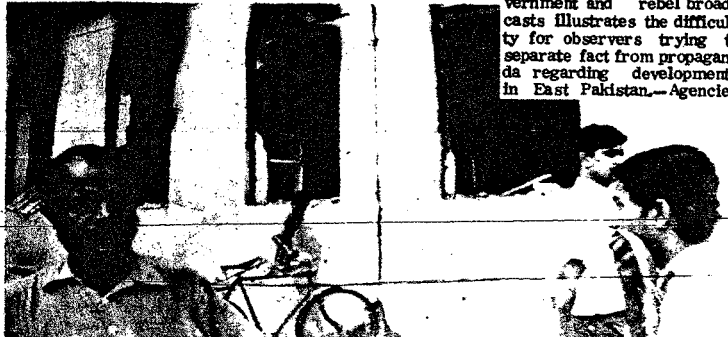
The message, according to the agency, said the con-

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 separate fact from propaganda regarding developments in East Pakistan.—Agencies



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



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'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-

ROMEIO Villamor, 43, a logging representative, narrates in the following

ward. Since no one was molesting us, we began to feel reassured.