

# STEP IN TO STEM MASSACRE, INDIA TELLS U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, March 29.

INDIA today formally approached the U.N. Secretary-General U. Thant, and requested him "to take the initiative and advise or suggest restraint" on the Pakistan Government and, "if at all possible, try to prevent this mass slaughter" in East Pakistan.

India's U.N. Ambassador, Mr. Samar Sen, today called on Thant and presented him with this request.

Mr. Sen also requested U. Thant to consider what kind of relief the people in East Pakistan might need and to see whether something could be arranged.

Mr. Sen also spoke to U. Thant about refugees who have already started coming into India and a substantial number that would go into the neighbouring areas of India. He told the Secretary-General that some international efforts should be organized to provide relief for these people.

**THREE REQUESTS**  
Mr. Sen told reporters after his meeting with U. Thant, that he had formally made three requests and that the Government of India was desiring other steps.

Mr. Sen contacted none of the U.S. Ambassadors, Mr. George Bush, and discussed the situation in East Pakistan with him.

The Indian Ambassador also had a meeting later with the British Ambassador, Sir Colin Coote. He had also met some other members of the Security Council including the U.S. Ambassador, U. Thant had a meeting with the Pakistani Ambassador, Mr. Habibullah Khan.

No details of the meeting were available, though the million people are being evacuated from the cities. It was mentioned that what was going on in East Pakistan was "entirely an internal affair" of Pakistan and could not be discussed. They claimed that casualties in East Pakistan had been reported to be in the millions.

Mr. Sen said that he had been told by some Western newsmen who have been expelled from Dhacca, that they had been told by some Western diplomats from different countries on the basis of their discussions with the East Pakistan, but there was no formal move to call a Security Council meeting.

A spokesman for U. Thant only said the Secretary-General was "not issuing a statement" at an appropriate time.

Mr. Sen told newsmen that ever since military action in East Pakistan "we have been quiet upon."

Mr. Sen said that for three reasons: First, masses of unarmed people with tanks and other sophisticated arms, including the use of airplanes had been reported.

Secondly, events in East Pakistan were a disappointment and, as Mr. Thant said, a great tragedy. There for the first time Pakistan had held elections and people were elected and the Government of Pakistan took office. Mr. Sen said that the Government of Pakistan could have taken place which would have given the people more sense of participation in their affairs and made Pakistan more democratic.

"It seems to us that has been thrown out completely," Mr. Sen said. Thirdly, India is a close neighbour and there are all kinds of links between the people of Pakistan and India and any such tragedy in Pakistan is not just a tragedy of our people but of the world.

"The Government and our people will react sharply," Mr. Sen said it was in this context.



## U.S. press continues to report Pak butchery

By M. V. KAMATH  
The Times of India, New Service

With their belongings piled on a cart, the Dacca family flee to the countryside when the military band and other units were killed for a few hours on Monday.

**COMMOTION IN NWFP**  
NEW DELHI, March 29.—A serious civil commotion has erupted in Miranpur in the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP), according to the Pakistan Times.

"Armed clashes have been reported in Miranpur since the arrival of the military units. A few were exchanged for 900 military personnel. The military units were injured and the civilian population was displaced."

Following these clashes, a virtual reign of terror has been established in the district. The clashes are the prelude to a widespread civil commotion in the tribal areas extending to the entire States of Swat, Dir, Chitral and Gilgit, and the Districts of West Punjab.

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## U. N. personnel confirm genocide reports

By J. D. SINGH  
The Times of India, New Service

LONDON, March 29.—U.N. personnel returning from Dacca have confirmed reports that the Government of Dacca has ordered the use of force to suppress the activities of the Bengali people. One of them, who had just come back to Geneva, said he was in touch with the Government of Dacca and that large parts of Dacca had been destroyed in shelling by the Government of Dacca. The first Army contingent to be sent to the area was an independent Pakistan Army unit. The unit is being sent to the area to maintain law and order. The unit is being sent to the area to maintain law and order.

## INDISCRIMINATE SHELLING

A correspondent of "The Telegraph" said that the Army of the Government of Dacca extensively before going to Bangladesh, reported that after 24 hours of shelling, only 200 people were left in the city. The shelling was indiscriminate and caused the death of many people. The shelling was indiscriminate and caused the death of many people.

## Rahman's forces control waterways

Tinash, of Akhaura, revolutionary Government source said. Six Pakistani Army officers were killed in the fight that began yesterday near the important communication centre of Akhaura. Fighting was still going on around the magazine.

## STUDENTS KILLED

One column of troops sped to Dacca University shortly after midnight and some 200 students, taken completely by surprise, were killed in the hall.

## Yahya shuns visitors

NEW DELHI, March 30.—President Yahya Khan has had no news since his broadcast on Friday. He has shunned all visitors and has refused to receive any news.

## Increase in car prices proposed

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The Car Price Commission has recommended an increase in car prices. It is authorized to learn.

The commission has proposed an increase in the price of cars from Rs. 15,700 for Fiat and Rs. 17,875 for Fiat and Rs. 17,875 for Fiat. The increase in the price of cars is proposed to be Rs. 1,500 for Fiat and Rs. 1,500 for Fiat.

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## Bangla Desh official flag

SHILLONG, March 29: A red circle round the map of East Pakistan against a background of shimmering green is the official flag of Swadhin Bangla Desh.

The flag flutters proudly at the various border posts along Tripura and Assam controlled by Awami League freedom-fighters.

## Yahya shuns visitors

NEW DELHI, March 30: President Yahya Khan has had no known visitor since his broadcast on Friday banning Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Awami League.

The only news about him put out by Radio Pakistan since then was that he arrived in Rawalpindi yesterday from Karachi. Beyond this curt one-line story, the radio did not report anything else about him.

## Bihar legislature raises voice against genocide

"The Times of India" News Service

PATNA, March 30: The Bihar Vidhan Sabha today voiced its indignation at the genocide being committed by Pakistani troops in East Bengal and urged the Union Government to recognise the Provisional Government of Bangla Desh "without a moment's delay."

The House adopted a resolution requesting the Centre to raise the issue in the United Nations and to mobilise world opinion against the massacre of unarmed freedom-fighters.

Later, the Chief Minister, Mr. Thakur, sent a telegram to the Prime Minister, urging her to recognise the