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Indian Troops mining routes to discourage return of DPs

The Indian troops and their agents have now started mining the routes to discourage displaced persons from returning to their homeland, reports APP.

The mining of routes and paths has resulted in a number of casualties to the returning persons. In two incidents of mine explosions last week, 13 persons died and 34 were injured.

On September 11, a group of refugees returning from India from Panchagarh area (Rangpur) were blown off by a mine planted 32 casualties, 12 of them died on the spot while the remaining 20 were wounded.

Another group of returnees entering border areas in Dinajpur district fell victim to an anti-personnel mine in September 6. One person died and 13 others were wounded.

The mining of roads forms a part of the Indian plan to discourage displaced persons from returning to their homeland so that she can trade on their miseries.

Firing

A Comilla report said : the Indian soldiers are resorting to firing to stop people returning to Pakistan after hearing the general amnesty granted by the president of Pakistan.

According to a report from the border area, a crowd of about 50 persons returning to Pakistan were fired upon by Indian Border security Force on the Indian side of the border opposite Shahpur, North-West Kashba(Comilla).

According to an estimate, six of them died and 22 were wounded.

The Pakistani troops guarding the Frontier showed great restraint and patience in the face of this provocative act of Indian soldiers firing at their unarmed brethren and did not open fire so that the situation does not deteriorate.

Lot of indiscipline among DPs, says Chavan

New Delhi, Sept. 13 (UPP): The Indian Finance Minister, Mr. Y.B. Chavan, said at a so-called refugee came near Calcutta on Monday last that there has been a lot of indiscipline and non-cooperation among the displaced persons from East Pakistan.

He urged them to extend cooperation to the Indian Government which has also to spend huge amounts of money on the relief and rehabilitation of about one crore people affected by the floods in the country. The so-called refugees, he said must understand the difficulties of the Government and should not be misguided by certain interested parties in the country.

Indian agents now lay hands on womenfolk

The Indian agents are now laying their hands on the womenfolk and are lifting them for immoral purposes, reports APP.

On receipt of such information from patriotic citizens a batch of Razakars raided a house in village Kansat in Rajshahi district on Saturday and recovered three women in captivity. In the encounter, the Razakars killed four Indian agents and captured two.

The women later disclosed that they were forcibly lifted from three different places at different times and were subjected to immoral acts.

The captured Indian agents are being suitably dealt with.

13 Indians agents killed by EPCAF near Narayanganj

A substantial quantity of arms, ammunition and explosive were recovered from different places in Dhaka city on Sunday, reports APP.

On receipt of information from the patriotic citizens, a composite party of East Pakistan Civil Armed Forces (EPCAF) and police raided a house in Purana Paltan (Dacca) and seized four rifles, three stens, 12 grenades and large number of bullets.

The Arms and ammunition bear Indian Marking.

According to another reports, an EPCAF patrol party spotted some persons suspiciously moving near a culvert outside Narayanganj. The patrol party started approaching them. As soon as they saw EPCAF personnel advancing towards them, the Indian agents ran away into a neighbouring locality.

The patrol party saw a bundle of explosives placed near the culvert which the Indian agents were attempting to blow up.

The patrol party went towards the locality in search of the Indian agents. As soon as they reached the locality, they were fired upon. One of them was slightly wounded. The EPCAF patrol party returned fire killing 13 persons.

The remaining Indian agents managed to escape.

2 MPAs-elect cleared of charges

Two MPAs elect of the defunct Awami League, Dr. Abdul Hasem of Sylhet (PE 238) and Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed of Tangail (PE138) have been cleared of the charges against them, it was officially stated here today reports APP.

Dr. Abul Hasem, son of late Haji Moharam Ali, Hospital Raod, Habiganj, Town Sylhet and Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed, son of Al-Haj Jamiruddin Ahmed, village Singardak P.O. Khaliajani, PS Basail, Dist Tangail appeared before sub Martial Law Administrator sector 1 (Dacca) on Sept. 9 1971 to answer charges against them under MLR and PPC.

Bhutto meets Yahya: Talks satisfactory

Karachi, Sept, 13 (PPI): Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Chairman, Pakistan people's party, called on the president General Yahya Khan at the president's House here today and remained with him for sometime.

Talks Satisfactory

APP adds: The talks between Mr. Z.A. Bhutto and president Yahya Khan today described as satisfactory Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada, a spokesman of the PPP.

Talking to newsmen at his residence, he said the conclusive talks would be resumed in the near future.

He said Mr. Bhutto had about three hour talks with the president at the president's House which started at 11 a.m.

Mr. Bhutto was not accompanied by any adviser. He said the talks have progressed satisfactorily but they are inconclusive.

He said, "We would have been able to tell you the details of the talks in the next two or three days but this will not be possible because of the sudden visit of the president abroad.

He declined to comment on the venue of the forthcoming talks and whether the talks would be held after the president's return from abroad.

When asked to specify the time for the forthcoming talks, he said in the near future. He described as incorrect the speculative stories carried in a section of the press that today's talks were going to be final.

He said the reference to the final or last round of talks was out of context.

When this term was used sometime in the past it was in the context of a particular situation and also in the context of certain matters that were going to be discussed with the president.

In the context of limited nature of talks, those were not final or conclusive for all purpose, he added.

He declined to specify certain matters that were to be discussed with the president.

When confronted with Mr. Bhutto's remarks expressed at his recent press conference that the talks with the president would be final, he said the PPP chairman had used this phrase in a limited context.

He also declined to comment whether Mr. Bhutto intended to visit Iran. When pressed on the nature of the talks whether constitutional or political, he said, I would not like to add beyond that the talks progressed satisfactorily.

He also declined to comment if the forthcoming talks would be held on an individual level or advisers level.

Asked if his party intended to convene a meeting of the PPP central committee to discuss today's talks between Mr. Bhutto and the president, he drawn up so far for the purpose.

Asked about Mr. Bhutto's programme, he said he would stay in the city for a few days.

Meets party leaders

Another report said that Mr. Bhutto today discussed the latest political situation with some of his party leaders and members of the PPP central committee.

According to a PPP source the discussions, held at Mr. Bhutto's residence lasted for about three hours.

Present during the discussion included Mr. J.A.Rahim, Malik Ghulam Mustafa Khan, Mr. Hayat Mahammed Sherpao, Maulana Kausar Niazi Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada, Mr. Mairaj Mohamad Khan and Dr. Mubashar Hasan.

Mahmud Ali for New York on sept. 17

Mr. Mahmud Ali, leader of the Pakistan delegation to the forthcoming UN General Assembly session, is due to leave Dacca for Karachi enroute to New York on september 17, reports PPI.

Mr. Ali who is the vice president of the Pakistan Democratic Party, revised earlier schedule of September 15 presumably to facilitate his presence at the party's central working committee meeting here on September 15. The meeting first after the recent happenings in East Pakistan, is considered important and hence likely to continue for more than one day.

Mr. Ali leads a 16 members Pakistan delegation which includes ten non-official and six official members. Mr. Agha Shahi, Pakistan's permanent Representative at the UN is the deputy leader of the team.

Work to make Pakistan strong : Ramdasia's call

Sialkot, Sept. 13 (APP): Mr. P.S. Ramdasia secretary General, All-Pakistan scheduled caste Federation has called upon the people to work for making Pakistan one of the strongest and greatest countries of the world as its founder wanted it to be.

Addressing a gathering of his community at his residence held yesterday to observe the 23rd death anniversary of the father of the nation, the scheduled caste leader paid rich tributes to him.

He said the example of the Quaid-e-Azam who lived and died for Pakistan was a beacon light for all Pakistan. He urged the People to unite and pledge to make every sacrifice for safeguarding the integrity and solidarity of Pakistan.

He recalled the Quaid-e-Azam's assurance to the minorities that their right and privileges would be preserved in Pakistan and added that the minorities were indebted to him for that.

Mr. Ramdasia said the members of his community had pledged as true Pakistanis that they would lay down their lives to preserve the country's integrity and adhere to the ideals and principles of the great Quaid.

Daultana urges establishment of people's government soon

Karachi, Sept. 13 (APP): The president of Council Muslim League, Mian Mumtaz Mohammad Khan Daultana, said here today that early establishment of a true people's Government based on the ideology of Pakistan was a must to make the country stronger and fulfil the promises held out at the time of its creation.

Speaking at a reception given to party's councillors here this afternoon, he said that the establishment of such a Government as soon as possible was as much vital as the freedom.

He said the only form of Government which suited the genius of Pakistan was a true people's Government.

He called for the establishment of the people's Government without which the country could neither be made stronger nor the promises fulfilled.

Mian Daultana expressed his confidence that the country's youth would always support the Islamic ideology and the principles on which this country was achieved.

He said the crisis of 1971 would create the same zeal in the youth to maintain the country's solidarity and integrity as was shown by the freedom fighters for the achievement of Pakistan.

He said very few people were now alive, who took part in the freedom struggle but were now quite old to shoulder the burden. Now it was the duty of the younger generation to feel their responsibility and concentrate with full vigour to make Pakistan stronger day by day.

Mian Daultana said that Pakistan was an ideological State based on Islam and there was no room for socialism, communism, capitalism or any otherisms.

Pakistan would cease to exist if its ideology was not followed prominently among the council Muslim League leaders who attended the reception were Khwaja Khairuddin, Khwaja Mohammad Safdar and Maulana Shafiqul Islam and Sardar Shaukat Hayat.

Mian Daultana is scheduled to leave here for Lahore tomorrow.

The East Pakistan councillors will start returning to Dacca from tomorrow, Khwaja Khairuddin will leave for Dacca on September 15.

Mian Daultana described the 1971 crisis and the Indian attacks on Pakistan in the past as trials and said that such trials serve as an eye opener so that our weaknesses are rectified.

Pakistanis have not forgotten the ideology. This is why the whole nation has unitedly faced the difficulties and came out of every trial with success.

Mian Daultana recalled Indian attacks on Pakistan particularly the treacherous attack in 1965 and said though it happened under 'dictator' the nation from Khyber to Chittagong had united within no time to face the Indian monster.

He said that the crisis in East Pakistan for which the country's enemies were preparing for some years ago had awakened the nation to face the challenge.

He said the people of the country faced this crisis with exemplary bravery and courage. They did not hesitate in making any sacrifices which the situation demanded.

These trials, he added had proved beyond doubt that nobody on Earth could destroy Pakistan as its achievement was based on Islamic ideology and there was no room for provincial, regional or parochial feelings.

He, however, regretted that after the creation of Pakistan people thought that the purpose had been served and they ignored that promotion of the very ideology for which Pakistan was demanded. This weakness created disunity in the thoughts but he said he was glad that this weakness had been pinpointed and the younger generation was feeling the necessity of the promotion of the ideology of Pakistan.

CML special committee announced

Karachi, Sept. 13 (APP): A twenty member special committee headed by the president of the Council Muslim League Mumtaz Mohammad Khan Daultana was announced here today to start negotiations for the unification of the three Muslim Leagues and merger of like minded parties.

The names of the special committee was announced by Mian Daultana in accordance with 2 resolution passed by the party's council at its session here yesterday.

A sub-committee of the special committee consisting of Syed Khwaja Khairuddin and Khwaja Mohammed Safer has also been appointed with the task of undertaking early deliberations and negotiation with other political parties for unification and merger.

The member of the special committee are Sardar Shaukat Hayat Khan Khwaja Syed Khairuddin, Mr. Abul Quasim Mr. A.Q.M. Shafiqul Islam, Shahid Ali Mr. Yahya Bakhtiar Mr. Mohammad Ayub Khuhro, Mian Nizamuddin Haider, Mr. Ataul Haq Khans Mr. Naazish Ahmed, Khan, Siranjam Khan, Alhaj Abdus Salam, Mr. Mohammad Safdar, Mr. Abdus Sattar Khan Chowdhury, Mohammad Hussain Chattha, Pir Saifuddin of Makhad, Mr. Mohammad Ataul Haq, President of the Karachi Zonal Muslim League.

As this office is at present vacant till it is duly filled the General secretary Mr. Obaidur Rahman Shaal serve as member of the committee.

Mrs. Gandhi to meet Nixon on Nov.

Washington, Sept. 13 (AFP): Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi will meet president Nixon in Washington on Nov. 4, the white House officially announced today.

Mrs. Gandhi has accepted the president's invitation to pay an official visit to the United States. on Nov. 4, she will be guest of honour at a white House dinner. She will also visit New York after conferring with the chief executive.

Mrs. Gandhi's last visit to Washington took place in April 1966 soon after she became Prime Minister.

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Climate of security, confidence to be restored, assures Malik

The East Pakistan Governor, Dr. A.M.Malik yesterday assured the people to do everything possible to restore a climate of security and confidence in the province, report APP.

In his first policy statement in a broadcast from Radio Pakistan, the Governor declared that all those who return to their homes will be properly rehabilitated and no action would be taken against anyone for having crossed the border. Those who have lost their houses, shops or means of livelihood will be helped financially and administratively to settle down in their normal lives. Those whose properties are in unauthorised possession or have been temporarily allotted to others will get them back and any attempts to hamper this will be effectively dealt with.

The Governor said that the programme of rehabilitation was being carried out in full view of United Nations representatives and he would ensure its implementation expeditiously and satisfactorily.

Dr. Malik who assumed the office of the Governor on March 3 last in his speech charted out the policy and future programme of his government which he described as "only an interim administration." He said that as soon as full normalcy is restored and bye elections completed accordingly to schedule, power will be transferred to the elected representatives and thus sovereignty restored to the people.

The Governor while making an earnest appeal to the people to devote themselves to the task of rebuilding the economy and society of the province and "it is our own interest to do so." This is not the time to blame to find scape goats or nurse grievances. This is the time to work together for reconstruction, in a spirit of forget and forgive, so that the nation is set once again on the road of peace and prosperity.

He referred to the major economic set-back received in the province and said that Government was taking various measures to revive tempo of economic activity. He said that some improvement has already taken place and the economy is steadily moving towards recovery. Production, he went on to say had resumed in major industrial centres and the production level was rising with the return of labour to factories.

Exports

Port's have started functioning normally Exports from the ports of Chittagong and Chalna during June and July totalled Rs. 18.72 crore which compares reasonably well with exports of 24.52 crore during the same period last year.

The Governor told the people that one of the principal aims of his government would be to rehabilitate the economy of the province and revive the development activities. But, he said full restoration of economic life and growth momentum would require the combined efforts of the Government and the people. He appealed for the support of all people in the task of economic reconstruction. Although a long and difficult task lay ahead, the Government would spare no effort to speed up the process.

Full Assessment

Dr. Malik further said that a full assessment of the needs of the economy for carrying out the essential repairs and rehabilitation work was being carried out. The budget for the current year provided Rs. 15 crore for this purpose. The amount available for reconstruction has been placed in a fund which would be managed by a high powered Board located at Dacca. The Board, he said, would have full authority to approve all proposals for immediate repairs, reconstruction and rehabilitation. In addition development programme of Rs. 279 crore would continue to build the production potential of the province.

While turning to the student community, the Governor urged the youth in general and the student community in particular to remember their future role in the reconstruction and progress of Pakistan and prepare themselves for this role, through constitution and peaceful means. They must not think in terms of hatred or violence for hatred and violence do not lead a nation any where rather they bring sorrows and miseries in the society, he said.

He said that those of our youth who have gone across the border in a huff, not knowing the history of this sub continent should come back. This is their land and they must come back and help rebuild it for a better future.

Minorities Assured

The Governor also assured the minorities that their homes and other properties will be restored to them.

I know their problem and shall see that no injustice is done to any member of the minority community.

He referred to the joint efforts made by him as minister of Minority affairs with the then India counterpart Mr. C.C. Biswas to bring peace to the disturbed areas in the two countries under Liaquat-Nehru pact 1950 and said there was no reason why it should not be possible to make similar arrangement this time. He said that he would be glad to meet the Indian Minister concerned at the earliest opportunity to discuss ways and means of solving this great human problem.

The Government appealed to the labour and the employers to work together to put the economy back on the rails. To the workers he said, My appeal to you is: get back to work as quickly as possible. I will see it that there is no victimisation of the workers and that they are allowed to work peacefully to the employer, he said, that without social justice and contented labour, no industry can flourish, no economy can grow.

The Governor said that the Government had already started test relief work in rural areas consisting of simple labour intensive schemes to increase the buying capacity of the hard hit common man of rural areas. These are primarily designed to provide employment and inject purchasing power on an emergency basis to relieve distress in the affected areas.

Food supply

About food supply, Dr. Malik said that imports of 2.3 million tons of grains from West Pakistan and abroad have been programmed for the current year. The crux of the food situation in the province was not the available or no-availability of foodgrains, but the transportation gap, caused by the dislocation of rails and road communication by the enemies of the people during the recent disturbances. The movement and distribution is being regulated through a network of supply depots throughout the province under specially prepared short term plan. Careful watch is being kept on the availability in each Zone. The river transport system is being strengthened with coasters and other inland vessels. Under these arrangements, 1,50,000 to 2,00,000 tons of food grains would be moved each month from ports to the points of distribution during the next four months until the Aman crop is harvested. This regular flow of foodgrains will ensure physical availability of foodgrains in East Pakistan sufficient to meet the requirements at any given time.

5000 DPs die of Cholera in Balat dist

New Delhi, Sept. 14 (*Reuter*): Three hundred people mostly refugees from East Pakistan, have died of Cholera in Balat district of Assam in the past three weeks, the press trust of India (PTI) reported yesterday.

It said the figures were from official statistics available in the Assam capital, Shillong. Unofficial source put the death toll at over 5000.

Balat district, close to the border with East Pakistan has been declared a cholera infected area for one month.

60 infiltrators killed, 22 held. India attack beaten back in Rajshahi

Pakistan troops beat back an attack by about 300 personnel in Khajanpur area in Rajshahi district inflicting heavy casualties on the aggressors on Monday last, reports APP.

They killed 60 and arrested 22 infiltrators. A large number of arms and ammunition were also captured.

According to details available in Dacca, Indian artillery lobbed over 200 field gun and mortar shells into Khanjanpur and Saphar, two adjoining localities about one mile inside Pakistan territory opposite Balurghat (India) on the night between Sunday and Monday.

The shelling was followed a physical attack by nearly 300 armed persons including soldiers from 77 Battalion Force and their East Pakistani collaborators now in India.

The vigilant Pakistan troops guarding the border took them on as soon as they crossed into Pakistan territory. The intruders started retreating leaving behind 60 dead and 22 captured.

The arms and ammunition's captured by Pakistan troops in this action include three light machine guns with 28 magazines, 9 rifles with over 3000 rounds, four sten-guns with 24 magazines of ammunitions and 38 hand grenades.

It may be recalled that last month a company of 77 Indian Border security Force along with some rebels made a similar attempt, but the aggressors were thrown back with heavy casualties. One of the Indian soldiers, sepoy Benod Kumar was taken prisoner and he is still in custody of Pakistan authorities.

100,00 tons chinese rice of for E. Pakistan

Islamabad, Sept. 14 (APP): The People's Republic of China will supply 100,000 metric tons of rice under commodity credit for East Pakistan, this was officially stated today.

The agreement to this effect was signed in Peking on September 9, 1971.

Shipment of rice will be made during the period from September to December 1971-20,000 tons each in September and December and 30,000 tons each in October and November.

Agriculture Ministry streng thens planning unit in East Wing

The Planning Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture and Works (Food and Agriculture Division), Government of Pakistan located at Dacca, has been further strengthened by transferring large number of officers and staff members from its Headquarters at Islamabad recently.

This will serve a liaison between the central Ministry of Agriculture and various central and provincial Government agencies concerned in East Pakistan.

In addition to the work unit will now undertake various research projects on agronomic problems relating to East Pakistan farmers for formulating of central Government policies on agricultural development.

Field investigators have been already posted in all most all the districts of the province for collection of data from the farmers and various Government and semi Government offices on specific research projects.

The planning unit at Dacca has three sections dealing with farm management, Economic studies and statistics. This farm management section is concerned with selecting agricultural project areas in the districts and collecting information from the farmers regarding various aspects of their farm operation. The Economic studies section will undertake quick survey on specific problems of agriculture in East Pakistan while the work of statistics section is to crop estimates.

Besides, the progress section concerned of the Ministry of Agriculture has been transferred to Dacca recently to review the progress of various projects financed by the world food programme (W.F.P) of the UN in East Pakistan with a view to accelerating the pace of their implementation.

Iraq gives 30,000 Dinars for DPs

Islamabad, Sept. 14: The Government of the Republic of Iraq has given Rs. 3,96,192 (Iraq Dinar 30,000) towards the relief and rehabilitation of East Pakistani displaced persons who are returning to their homes.

The Iraqi Ambassador in Pakistan. His Excellency AL-Syed Abdul Kadir AL-Gaylani called at the Foreign office here today and handed over a cheque for the said amount on behalf of his Government.

Presenting the cheque, the Iraqi Ambassador stated that this contribution was a token of the affection of the Government and people of the Republic of Iraq towards Pakistan.

The Director General concerned who received the cheque thanked the Iraqi Ambassador for this gesture of friendship and fraternal cooperation from the Republic of Iraq.

Saadi off to Karachi

Mr. A.T. Saadi, a member of Pakistan delegation to UN General Assembly session left Dacca yesterday for Karachi enroute to New York, reports APP.

Mr. Zulmat Ali Khan, another member of the Pakistan delegation will leave Dacca this evening on way to New york to attend the UN Assembly.

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PDP to participate unofficially in provincial Govts. (By Our staff Reporter)

The National Executive committee of the Pakistan Democratic Party yesterday decided to participate in the provincial Governments unofficially and entrusted party chief Mr. Nurul Amin to nominate PDP candidates to provincial Governments if and when necessary.

The meeting held under the presidentship of Mr. Nurul Amin however, deferred any decision about party's participation in the central Government Mr. Nurul Amin has been authorised to decide party's stand when the situation arises. A source close to PDP last night said that majority of members favoured participation in the central Governments also.

The decision favoring participation in the provincial Governments was unanimous" by opposition to it was weak enough to generate heat in the meeting. The decision was made after brief discussion which centered round the over all political situation in the country, particularly in East Pakistan.

The discussion on "constitutional issues" facing the country consumed most of the three hour long meeting and at the end it was decided that party chief Mr. Nurul Amin during his proposed meeting with president on September 18 may convey to the president party's stand on it. The question of a zonal federation in West Pakistan also came up for discussion before the meeting but no decision was taken.

APP adds: The National Working committee of Pakistan Democratic Party reiterated its demands for early restoration of democracy "in the shape of representative governments" both at the centre as also in the provinces.

Reiterating the demand, the National working committee however, made "it clear that no constitutional arrangement will be acceptable to the people unless the constitutional embodied in it (A) provincial autonomy and (B) removal of disparity between East and West Pakistan and between different areas in each of the region as contained in the eight-point programme of the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) and subsequently adopted by the PDP."

Mr. Nurul Amin, president of the PDP presided over the meeting which was attended by eighteen members of the working committee including three from West Pakistan. The meeting which was held at the Pakistan residence of the Party chief lasted three hours discussing the country's economic and political situation, filling up of the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Abdus Salam Khan from the presidentship of East Pakistan Regional PDP and organisational matters.

Meeting over the party chief, Mr. Nurul Amin told the newsmen that the vacancy caused following the resignation of Mr. Abdus Salam Khan in early February last from the presidentship of the East Pakistan Regional PDP was filled up by Mr. Mahmud Ali, senior vice president of the PDP.

When asked Mr. Nurul Amin said the PDP "will participate in the bye-elections'.

The National working committee of the PDP adopted a resolution expressing its "views with alarm" at the "fast deteriorating economic situation" in the country with particular reference to East Pakistan where line of communication was "disrupted by Indian infiltrators in collaboration with their contacts and earlier devastations of the great cyclone" and by recent floods in both East and West Pakistan resulting in further damage of food crops.

While urging upon the Government to gear up their relief activities the national working committee demanded that permanent flood control measures should be accelerated on "national emergency basis so that "our dependence on foreign countries for supply of food should come to an end as soon as possible.

The National working committee appealed to the Government to take quick and effective measures to put the communication system into order.

The committee also urged upon the Government to suspend collection of rent and other government dues until the "present difficulties are over."

Major General (retd.) Sarfaraz Khan, Mr. Arshad Hossain Cowdhury and Rana Nazrun Rahman all from West Pakistan attended the meeting.

Nowabzada Nasrulla Khan, President of West Pakistan, sent a telegram regretting his inability to attend the meeting as he is now in his village home Khangarh. The Secretary General of the party, Sheikh Nasir Hasan, also could not attend the meeting due to the loss of his wife recently, according to PDP sources.

The meeting condoled the deaths Begum Nurul Amin, party member Dr. Siddique of Jhelum, Syed al Madani, a religious leader of Dacca and Mr. Asadullah, a party member in Dacca.

4 dissociate from AL

Four leaders of the defunct Narayanganj Awami League have announced their dissociation with the outlawed party, reports PPI.

In a joint press statement here today they said that they believed in the integrity of one Pakistan.

Expressing their innocence about the intention of the defunct Awami League leaders to disintegrate Pakistan, they also condemned the nefarious Indian designs against Pakistan.

They congratulated president Yahya Khan on the right step taken by him, and appealed to all the patriotic people of the whole of Narayanganj sub-division to help the armed forces to maintain the solidarity and integrity of Pakistan.

The signatories of the statement were Messers. Mofizul Islam cultural secretary, Narayanganj city Awami League (DR) Harunar Rashid, Executive member, Narayanganj sub-divisional Awami League, Mr. Firoz Mia, Secretary, Narayanganj Thana Awami League, and Abdul Jalil Sardar, member, Narayanganj Thana Awami League.

325,000 dollar US grant for two tugs

Islamabad, Sept. 15 (APP): The United States today granted to Pakistan 325,000 dollars in foreign exchange to pay the cost of chartering two tugs and hiring crews to assist in transporting food and supplies for the international relief effort in East Pakistan being co-ordinated by the United Nations relief mission, it was officially stated here.

This would help in increasing the efficiency of the barges fleet at present available in East Pakistan.

1 lakh children may die of malnutrition in W. Bengal DP camps

New Delhi, Sept. 15 (Reuter): Two Indian doctors in report to the Government have said that more than 1000,000 children may die in East Pakistan refugee camps unless emergency measures are taken to deal with malnutrition in the next few months.

The team which studied 800 infants and pre-school children in 13 West Bengal camps said about half were suffering from varying degrees of malnutrition due to lack of proteins. In many cases, not all the daily ration of rice, potatoes. and onions was being distributed.

This coupled with the lack of adequate sanitation in the camps which exposed the children to repeated gastro-enteritis aggravated the situation.

The report, drawn up by two Members of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, also noted that due to lack of knowledge when even a child had diarrhoea, the parents frequently stopped giving solid foods.

Another factor was that in many cases male members of the family tended to take a disproportionate share of the rations, leaving the women and children underfed.

The Indian Government, in cooperation with the United Nations International Childrens Emergency Fund (UNICEF), is preparing to launch a large scale operation to deal with the problem.

A Programme to provide emergency feeding at first to 115,000 children under eight has been drawn up.

About a third of that number it is estimated, require urgent clinical treatment.

Supplies of high protein food, either brought from abroad are manufactured locally, are ready to Calcutta and teams of Doctors and nurses from all over India are to launch the scheme shortly.

Plans call for the programme called "operation life line" eventually to reach almost two million children and mothers in the refugee camps.

Nurul Amin meets Yahya on Saturday

Mr. Nurul Amin, president of the Pakistan Democratic party, will leave Dacca for Karachi tomorrow to meet the president General Agha Mohammad Yahya Khan, the following day, reports APP.

When his attention was drawn to newspaper report Mr. Nurul Amin told the Newsmen that he was leaving here at the "invitation of the president" to meet the latter at Karachi on September 18.

Self styled emissary of 'Bamgla Desh' in Israel

Jerusalem, Sept. 15 (*Reuter*): A self-styled emissary of 'Bangla Desh' is visiting here to seek military aid Israel officials confirmed today.

But the officials said the emissary, Mr. Mahmud Kassem, arrived yesterday without any credentials or visa.

He received no invitation from the Israeli Government, an official said.

Usually reliable sources said Mr. Kassem arrived here to seek arms and ammunition. He was granted a three day permit to stay in Israel and meet an Israeli Foreign Ministry official in Jerusalem, officials said.

The independent the daily Haaretz today said that Mr. Kassem was '1 fl. U' Msij IL 1.

Israel would be prepared to consider granting military aid to 'Bangla Desh' if the Government of India asked for it.

The Foreign Minister official also told Mr. Kassem that even of the Israeli Government was willing to extend military aid it would not be able to do so without the consultation with the Indian Government since the 'Bangla Desh' Government in exile was based on Indian soil.

Stop Bhutto says Jamaat leader

His attention being drawn to a news item published in the daily Jasarat, Karachi, which reported that the PPP chief, Mr. Z.A. Bhutto while addressing his party workers in the mazar of Quaid-e-Azam, declared that the occurrence took place in East Pakistan in the month of March last may be repeated in West Pakistan if power is not immediately transferred to the elected representatives of the people and threatening with civil war in West Pakistan, Janab Abdul Khaleque General secretary of the Jamaat-e-Islami, East Pakistan, said in a press statement in Dacca on Tuesday.

"This clearly reveals that Mr. Bhutto is more interested in power than the solidarity, integrity and prosperity of Pakistan. He wants power even at the cost of Pakistan as he has himself indicated in his statement.

The Jamaat leader said it was strange that he (Mr. Bhutto) meets the president time to time and discusses with him for hours in one side and issues such statement on the other side.

One cannot understand why he has been privileged with unprecedented licence for such reckless utterances by which he is provoking the anti Pakistani secessionist elements through Pakistan at this critical time while enemies within the country and also outside are quite active in their unholy attempt to undo Pakistan, Janab Khaleque wondered. He reminded the peace loving patriotic people of Pakistan were watching all these with patience and they were no longer ready to tolerate such provocative utterances of the power hunters, and they also not ready to see that their fate was entrusted to such "worst type" of people who have not faith in democracy, decency and decorum. He appealed to the Government to take the matter seriously and "stop Mr. Bhutto from propagating such provocative thoughts for the greater interest of the nation "Any delay or slackness in this respect may lead us to grave consequences, he warned.

Governor's speech hailed

Mr. A.N.M. Yusuf, General Secretary, East Pakistan convention Muslim League hailed the policy speech of Dr. A.M. Malik, governor of East Pakistan, reports APP.

Mr. Yusuf said that the Governor had clarified the meaning of the "general amnesty" granted by president of Pakistan for restoration of normalcy in every walks of life in order to improve the process of work for national rehabilitation and reconstruction our economy.

He hoped that the political personalities, officials, non-officials, displaced persons and others will surely cooperate with administration.

PPI adds: In a separate joint statement the Dacca city convention Muslim League leaders also hailed Dr. Malik's broadcast and opined that it has already started working on the minds of the people who, they said appeared hopeful over Governor's determination to bring about a great change in the economic depression of the province.

Expressing their confidence in Dr. Malik's inner urge to work for the welfare and betterment of the common people the ML leaders who among others included Dr. Nurul Rahman, Mr. Mobarak Hossain and Dewan A. Kader said that by and by there would be more relief among the people in the very near future.

They also appealed to all the political leaders and public in general to cooperate with Dr. Malik for improvement of the situation obtaining in our country.

The ML leaders wished the Governor God speed in fulfilling his programme of work.

Bongaon in grip of floods: Refugees in distress

Calcutta, Sept. 15 (*Reuter*): Almost whole population of the Bongaon sub-division of West Bengal is in the grip of rising flood waters from the Ichamati River and other water ways. according to reports reaching here yesterday.

Bongaon, about 50 miles north east of Calcutta, has been one of the major influx areas for refugees fleeing from East Pakistan. The refugees have swollen the normal population of 600,000 to about 1200,000.

The chief sub-divisional Administrator told the press Trust of India (PTI) that a million people had been affected and that the Ichamati was still rising, inundating fresh areas.

The onslaught of the floods was having a particularly severe effect on the refugees.

The camps filthy and over crowded even at the best of times have been turned into cakes or quagmires. Worse still very few food supplies are being got through.

Most of the East Bengali and adults, whose life in recent months has involved one disaster after another, can probably survive this latest one. But the effect on their inadequately nourished children, with pot-bellies and limbs like matchsticks, could be disastrous. They have been dying steadily since the refugee influx began five months ago. Now they might die in droves.

Mr. S.K. Bhattacharjee, the Bongaon chief sub-divisional Administrator, said he had not got enough speed boats and river crafts to get the food through. "I have asked for 12 speed boats and received only two so far" he said.

Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are the other two states worst affected by the monsoon flooding.

In Uttar Pradesh the death toll has climbed to 517 and more than 600,000 homes are reported to have been destroyed.

PML in favour of peaceful transfer of power: Qayyum

Multan, Sept. 15 (*PPI*): We are in favour of transfer of power to people's representatives through peaceful means and if any political party or group attempts to seize power forcibly, our party will firmly resist it, reiterated Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan, president, Pakistan Muslim League, while talking to newsmen here on Tuesday evening.

He said Pakistan was passing through a very critical juncture and her integrity and ideology were for more important than democracy. These would be safeguarded at all costs; he added.

The PML chief said under the present critical situation in the country an Islamic constitution should be introduced to ensure that a similar situation was not created again. He also demanded separate elections.

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Daultana favours idea of president Yahya promulgating constitution

Lajore, Sept. 16(APP): Mian Mumtaz Mohammad Khan Daultana, president of the Pakistan Muslim League (Council) today expressed himself fully in favour of president Yahya promulgating a constitution as a measure to restore full democracy in the country.

He was addressing a press conference at his residence convened to explain the decisions taken by the PML, council, which met in Karachi last week.

Mian Mumtaz Daultana said such constitution could authority only when it was accepted and approved by the elected representatives of the people.

Elaborating, he said the term establishment or restoration of democracy denoted transfer of power as the ultimate aim. The object behind the restoration of democracy, he added, was to get the authority transferred in the hands of the representatives of the people.

The League chief said the restoration of democracy should come speedily and simultaneously in both wings of the country. He said he was not interested in any interim arrangement though he would cooperate with the Government in all its measures aimed at restoring the democracy.

He declined to comment on any arrangement which might be introduced by the president in West Pakistan prior to the restoration of full democracy in the country.

Commenting on the civilian government in East Pakistan, Mian Daultana said it was necessary for making the people in that wing participate in the administration in an effective manner during the interim period.

He said he fully appreciated the utility of the civilianisation there and hope that a time would come soon when full democracy could be restored not only in East Pakistan but also in West Pakistan.

He hoped that president Yahya would adhere to his programme of transfer of power and the things would be in a fine shape by that time.

Mian Daultana told a questioner that he had authorised the East Pakistan Muslim League leaders to take a decision about joining the provincial Government there as they considered appropriate.

Constitutions by Individuals

Asked by a newsmen whether or not the constitution to be given by president would always carry a stigma of having been imposed on the country by individual, Mian Daultana replied in the negative and said many constitutions as were in force in many countries of the world now had once been given by individuals.

He said even the Quaid-e-Azam had in 1947 declared that the then Government of India Act would for the time being be deemed to be the constitution of Pakistan.

The idea for the enforcement of constitutions by individuals had always been to set the things in motion for realising the greater objects.

Mian Daultana was opposed to the suggestion that president Yahya's a draft constitution instead of a final constitution because accounting to him it would create complications and further confuse the issues.

The constitution to be presented by him should be considered fit and enforced in letter and spirit and then elections be held for the vacant seats of the National Assembly. Once the elections were complete the Assembly be summoned and the constitution presented for its approval.

Mian Daultana condemned statements by leaders of a political party that conditions similar to those of East Pakistan could take place in West Pakistan if power was not transferred to their party.

He said they must keep in mind the conditions now prevailing in Pakistan which demanded unity in the rank and file of the people. To create an atmosphere of conflict or holding out threats would help none but the enemies of Pakistan— If the story of East Pakistan was repeated in this wing also then the country would cease to exist.

I was simply alarmed at these threats and appeal to them that if, God forbid, any harm was going to be done to the country it should be stopped rather than encourage it, he added.

The League chief said the special committee had started its work and written letters to leaders of various parties seeking their views about forging a unified party.

A two member committee comprising Khawaja Khairuddin and Khawaja Muhammad Safdar has also been set up by the special committee to personally get in touch with leaders of other parties and inform the special committee about their views.

He said the council League was proud to have taken such an initiative as this was in the best interest of the country and in conformity with the past traditions of the party. He claimed that it was due to these initiatives. That the D.A.C., P.D.M. and C.O.P. had come into being in the best.

Replying to question about his reports in respect of conditions now prevailing in East Pakistan the CML chief said, the people coming to West Pakistan from that wing talked about considerable improvement in conditions from some-time past.

Greater number of displaced persons were now returning to their homes and resuming their normal vocations, he added.

Regarding the initiative taken by his party to large greater unity between like minded parties in Pakistan, Mian Daultana referred to a resolution passed by the council of his party and said first of all it would strive to unite the three factions of the league and then bring such parties at one platform as were committed to the ideology of Pakistan.

He said by uniting all such parties the Council Muslim League wanted the emergence of a unified Pakistan Muslim League organisation.

More Afro-Asian nations view E. Pak. situation internal affairs

Islamabad, Sept. 16(*PPJ*): Some more Afro-Asian countries have assured Pakistan that they viewed political situation in East Pakistan as an entirely internal affairs of Pakistan and no country has right to interfere in the domestic affairs of Pakistan.

These countries included Nigeria, Congo, Senegal, Philippines, Indonesia and Mauritius.

The special emissaries of president of Pakistan who visited Congo and Senegal recently were assured by the respective governments that they were absolutely against any outside interference in the East Pakistan as it was purely an internal affairs of Pakistan.

The leader of the Mauritius delegation to the Commonwealth Parliament Association Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, declaring his Government's stand on East Pakistan situation, condemned, India for interfering in the domestic affairs of Pakistan

Philippines acting foreign secretary Jose Ingles said in Manila recently that East Pakistan situation was an internal matter of Pakistan.

PML not opposed to power transfer, says Qayyum

Multan, Sept. 16 (*APP*): Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan, president of Pakistan Muslim League yesterday said that his party was not opposed to transfer of power but wanted it to be peaceful—

Addressing the Multan Bar Association here Khan Qayyum said any attempt to force transfer of power under threats and coercion would be resisted.

His party was determined to prevent occurrence of the events of East Pakistan, he added.

Khan Qayyum said that as precondition of transfer of power it was essential that an interim constitution be framed and promulgated by the president.

The National Assembly should have the power to amend the constitution if it so desired with a two-third majority. The provincial assemblies should also have power to concur or differ with the decision of the National Assembly so that no one province be permitted to impose its on other province he said.

Referring to his party's stand on the constitution, Khan Qayyum said it should Guarantee strong centre allocating defence, foreign affairs, foreign trade, and taxes to the centre.

He emphatically supported the demand for separate electorates and said only this system of election could safeguard the ideology and integrity of the country.

This would prohibit the minority in East Pakistan to use its leverage against patriotic elements in the province, he added.

He said the centre should also have the responsibility to propose to such curricular of studies at various levels which should inculcate among the youth's dedication to the ideology of Pakistan.

Gen. Niazi's call to patriotic citizens. Remove misgivings from minds of runaways

Lt. Gen. A.A.K. Niazi, Commander Eastern command and Martial Law Administrator, Zone-B, yesterday urged the members of the Peace Committee, Chittagong, to remove misgivings

from the minds of misguided runways and persuade them to come back home and join the nation in the task of reconstructions, reports APP.

The Martial Law Administrator said that the misguided people were living in pitiable conditions away from their homes and their families. He said that they, in fact are our national assets provided they see the truth and resume their life as patriotic citizens. On the contrary, he added, if they continue their disruptionist activities, they achieve nothing but cause hardship to the common people.

Gen. Niazi said that disruptionist element should be isolated and neatly eliminated but peace loving citizens should not suffer in the process. Addressing himself to the peace-loving citizens, Gen. Niazi said that they too, owe a duty to the state and should help the administration in weeding out the remnants of anti-state elements.

Fort of Islam

Talking of the State and its security, Gen. Niazi said that Pakistan was a fort of Islam and those who are about to destroy Pakistan are, in fact, enemies of Islam. "Pakistan is a symbol of hope and a source of inspiration for the entire Muslim world," he said adding that it was also imperative that citizens of this Islami State honestly follow principles of Islam. "Islam has given a recipient worldly uplift as well as salvation in the next world," he said.

Quoting instances from history he said that as long as we practised Islamic principles, we had the upper hand out when we neglected them, we fell into the abyss of subordinate nation. He further said that we can again lift the Muslim nation to the Zenith of its past glory by following Islamic way of life.

Earlier, Gen. Niazi visited the Razakars at training in Chittagong. He appreciated their spirit and enthusiasm.

Later, Gen. Niazi visited Rangamati where he addressed a large crowd including members of Peace Committee who in spite of sweltering heat, had come all the way to greet the General Raja Tridiv Roy, the Chakma Chief and MNA-elect was also present among them.

People congratuated

Gen. Niazi congratulated the people of Rangamati on successfully purging mischief mongers from the area and restoring peaceful conditions.

He said that with the number of troops available in East Pakistan, it would not take long time to eliminate all sources of sabotage and resistance but in ruthless "cleaning up operation" many previous human lives are lost and many women are widowed and children orphaned. They are also our own women and children and we have every regard for them," he said. He therefore, urged members of Peace Committee to go out and persuade these misguided people to come back home and live honourable life, as peace loving patriotic citizens.

During his day long tour of Chittagong and Chittagong Hill Tracts areas, Gen. Niazi also met the troops. The local Commander, briefing him on the latest situation in his area, told Gen. Niazi that Razakars and EPCAF were playing a very useful role in the maintenance of law and order and guarding of vulnerable points. They had relieved pressure on regular forces who are now mainly concentrating on defence of borders.

Gen. Niazi returned to Dacca in the afternoon. He was accompanied by the GOC during the tour.

9,558 DPs Die in 24 Parganas

Calcutta, Sept. 16(*Reuter*): A Total of 9,558 East Pakistani refugee have died in hospitals and health centres in the 24 Parganas district of West Bengal in the past five months, according to the district chief Medical Officer.

The district has been a major receiving point for the refugees.

E. Pak loan fully subscribed

Karachi, Sept. 16(APP): The $5\frac{3}{4}$ percent East Pakistan loan 1981 opened for subscription today, and was closed by the close of business.

Preliminary figures indicate that the loan has been fully subscribed. The subscription comprised of cash and conversion of 5-14 percent East Pakistan loan 1971.

New Delhi's plan to intensify activities of intervention

Islamabad, Sept. 16(APP): The formation of a joint consultative committee of Bangla Desh has been taken here as an indication of New Delhi's plan to intensify its activities of

intervention and assistance to insurgents and renegades, writes an APP staff correspondent.

The committee, which includes people like Maulana Bhashani, Prof. Muzaffar Ahmed, Moni Singh, Monoranjan Dhar, Tajuddin and Khondkar Mushtaq Ahmed, was announced a visit to Calcutta by Mr.D.P. Dhar Chief of policy making in Indian Foreign Ministry, and Mr. T.N. Kaul, Indian Foreign secretary.

It is understood that the committee is India's manipulation to serve her objective. It is clear that India has induced its own henchmen through Moni Singh and Monoranjan Dhar to eliminate or reduce the influence of Awami Leagues some of whom are according to reports from across the border, no more trusted by Indian.

This fact is reflected in the composition of the committee which includes only two Awami Leagues, Tajuddin and Khondakar Mushtaq Ahmed.

The formation of the committee also shows India's desperate attempt to coerce the rebels to greater effort as New Delhi apprehends that the secessionist movement was losing its impetus following the process initiated in implementing president Yahya Khan's plan for political and economic rehabilitation of East Pakistan, including the general amnesty.

Buddhist team calls on Governor

A Four- member Buddhist team led by Ven. Visuddhananda Mahathero, president of the Pakistan Bhuddha Krishti Prachar Sangha and World Fellowship of Buddhists (Pakistan Branch) yesterday called on the East Pakistan Governor. Dr. A.M. Malik and discussed with him the representation of a Buddhist member to the proposed Council of Ministers in East Pakistan, reports PPI.

Later a spokesman of the Pakistan Bhuddha Krishit Prachar Songha told PPI that Mahathero impressed upon the Governor with his tour experience which he gathered in the hazardous tour of 7500 miles throughout the Buddhist populated area of the province and explained the various problems of the Buddhists.

Discussion was also held on the nomination of a minority minister, the spokesman added.

In a short period of interview Mahathero and the other members were much pleased with the Governor for his sympathetic feeling for the minorities of the country, the spokesman further added.

Nominated to PDP Working Committee

Mr. Mahmud Ali president of the East Pakistan Regional PDP has nominated the following gentlemen to be members of the Regional PDP Working Committee under powers conferred on him under Article 10(B) of the constitution of the PDP, a party press release stated here last night, reports, PPI— Chittagong—Mr. Mahmudun Nabi Chowdhury, Mr. Abu Salek, Advocate and Mr. Muzammedl Hossain, Advocate. Noakhali Mr. Abdul Jabber Khaddar, and Mr. M.A. Muttalib. Comilla Mr. Shafiqul Rahman, Advocate and Mr. Bazlur Rahman Choudhury Advocate. Mymensingh—Mr. Zumat Ali Khan, Advocate and Mr. Musharraf Hossain, MPA. Dacca— Mr. Abul Hashem Mia. Faridpur—Mr. Yousuf Ali Choudhury and Rakanuin. Barisal—Mr. Abdul Aziz Talukder, Jessore—Mr. M.Abdur Rashid, Ex-MNA. Kuulna— Mr. Deldar Ahmed, ex-MNA. Khulna— Mr. Abdul Mojid Advocate. Dinajpur—Mr. Abdur Rahman Choudhury, advocate. Sylhet— Mr. Kholan Jilani Choudhury, Advocate, Mr. Fazlul Huq Advocate and Mr. Ahmed Ali. Gobra— Mr. S.M. Azizul Huq. Rangpur—Mr. Abdul Mannan Khan, Advocate.

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ADBP accelerates loaning programme

The Agricultural Development Bank of Pakistan has accelerated its loaning programme in East Pakistan recently.

This was disclosed in a simple but impressive function held on Friday in the premises of EPALDCO for delivery of Japanese Yanmar power tillers to the farmers.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Rana Shabbir Ahmed Khan, chief loan and Administrative officer of ADBP and the chief guest outlined the fresh measures taken by the bank to assist the farmers of the province.

He appealed to them to make use of the farm machinerlys being given on loan by the Bank on easy terms and thereby boost up the good production.

The fuction was attended by a large number of progressive farmers who ceremonially looked delivery of Yanmar power tillers from the chief guest. The chief Regional Manager and Public Relation Officer of ADBP attended the function besides the high officials of M/S EPALDCO.

Armed attack repulsed: 78 intruders killed

The Pakistan troops killed 78 persons while repulsing an armed attack from across the border in Latu area of Sylhet district Tuesday last, according to a messege received in Dacca yesterday, reports APP.

A substantial quantity of arms and ammunitions incuding 58 rifles, 8 light machine guns, 12 sten guns, 69 mines, 150 grenades and over 3,000 cartridges were captured.

In this encounter two soldiers of Pakistan Army were slightly wounded.

The Message further says that in Tuesday morning nearly 350 armed personnel intruded into Pakistan territory under the cover of artillery fire from across the border when they reached a bordering village near Latu. The vigilant Pakistani troops opened fire on them, unable to stand the fire, they retreated leaving behind 78 dead. Three of them were captured alive. The remaining managed to escape across the border.

The message also says that the attacking force included soldiers from Indian Border Security Force and defectors from East Bengal Regiment.

Ceylon Govt. against interfering in Pak internal affairs

Colombo, Sept. 17(Reuter): Ceylon's Ministry of Defence and External Affairs yesterday described as malicious and venomous editorial comments in an Indian paper on the recent visit of Indian Foreign Minister to Ceylon.

The Ministry said the editorial in the Indepedent Hindustan standard on Tuesday, appeared to have been directed both "to abuse the Ceylon Government and to undo any good which was achieved by the recent visit" of foreign Minister Swaran Singh."

A ministry statement said its attention had been drawn to a news agency report of the Hindustan standard edirotial, which decribed Mr. Singh's visit as having helped lay bare that Ceylon's policy of non-interference in Pakistan affairs was a farce.

The Statement said that Ceylon's stand on East Pakistan did not call for an explanation or justification, least of all to the Hindustan Standard since Ceylon's position was based on accepted principles and norms of international life.

"It is Ceylon's view that East Pakistan is an internal matter of that country," the MInistry added.

The Ministry said it was Ceylon's understanding that the Indian Government considered it an internal matter between East and West Pakistan.

In its editorial the Hindustan Standard had also commented that the limitations laid down by Ceylon with regard to transit by Pakistan aircraft through Ceylon's 'would not fob of even a child of five.' The Ministry said the use of facilities in Ceylon by Pakistan aircraft for transit purpose had started from the time of an Indian Government ban on overflights over India which was long before the out break of disturbances in East Pakistan.

Ceylon's action flowed logical from its friendly relations with Pakistan and such flights were allowed on the basis of a declaration by the Pakistan Government that in each case they did not carry military personnel or equipment, the Ministry added.

Ten-member council of Ministers named Two from defunct AL: Nine Sworn in Portfolios likely today (By our staff Refprter)

The East Pakistan Governor, Dr. A.M. Malik, yesterday announced his ten-member council of Ministers out of which nine were sworn in at a simple ceremony held at a Governor's House in the afternoon.

Governor Malik Administered the oath of office.

Mr. Abul Quasem, General secretary of the Deputy Council Muslim League and a former Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, is the senior most Minister in the cabinet. The other Ministers are: Messrs. Abbas Ali Khan, Akhteruddin Ahmed, A.S.M. Solaiman, Obaidullah Majumdar, Prof. Shamsul Huq, Maulana Mohammad Ishaque, Nawazish Ahmed and Maulana A.K.M. Yousuf.

Mr. Mung Shew Prue Choudhury, a minority community member from Chittagong Hill tracts, could not reach Dacca to take oath. He will be sworn in later.

Portfolios of the Ministers have not been allocated and it was hoped that this may be decided today when the Governor meets his Ministers this Morning.

the Governor is likely to add some more Ministers to his cabinet in a day or two.

After the swearing in Ceremony, The Governor told newsmen "This is a common man's Cabinet."

APP adds: The Provincial cabinet includes members from different political parties including one MNA-elect and one MPA-elect of the banned Awami League. It also includes a member of the minority community. Mr. Mung Shew Prue Chowdhury, who will be sworn in later, comes from Chittagong Hills Tracts.

Mr. Akhteruddin Ahmed, ex-MNA, is the vice president of the Pakistan convention Muslim League, Mr. Abbas Ali Khan and Maulana A.K.M. Yousuf former M.N.A. belong to the Jamaat-i-Islami.

Mr. Mohammad Obaidullah Majumdar and Prof. Shamsul Huq are MNA elect and MPA elect respectively of the banned Awami League. Mr. A.S.M. Solaiman is the head of Pakistan Krishak Sramik Party.

The ceremony was attended by the Martial Law Administrator Zone "B", Lt. Gen. A.A.K. Niazi, chief Justice of Dacca High court, Mr. Justice B.A. Siddiki, leaders of political parties and high civil and military officials.

Philosophy of Pakistan Gen. Niazi emphasises need to educate misguided youth

Lt. Gen. A.A.K. Niazi, Commander, Eastern Command and Martial Law Administrator, Zone 'B' yesterday (Friday) emphasised the need to educate the new generations as to how and why Muslims of this sub-continent had fought for an independent homeland.

He made this observation in the context of disruptive activities by the misguided youth who, he said, were trying to destroy the homeland so painstakingly created by their fathers. He compared the sabotage activities with cutting one's throat with one's own knife "It is all the more shameful when one does it at the instance of a hostile neighbour like India," he remarked.

General Niazi was addressing a huge public meeting at Netrokona during his day-long tour of Mymensingh district yesterday.

The gathering consisted of several thousand people carrying national flags and they repeatedly raised patriotic slogans. Some people who could not find place at the vast ground had perched on the walls and roof tops of neighbouring buildings.

The Martial Law Administrator told the people that he was deeply impressed by the "Islamic spirit" displaced by them. He added that this spirit was the binding force for the Muslim of this country. He also exposed the Indian designs to weaken us through internal strife so that she may easily grab this territory and throw the people into slavery. He reminded them of the miserable plight of the Muslims in pre-independence days and urged them to fight to their last to retain their independent homeland otherwise their future generations would be doomed forever.

Sabotage

Referring to the sabotage activities on the part of the misguided youth, he said "How ironic it looks that sons are trying to destroy what their fathers had built after so many sacrifices. It is imperative to bring home the misguided youths the philosophy and spirit of the Pakistan movement, he emphasised.

General Niazi told the enthusiastic crowd that army personnel were there for the service and protection of the people who should regain their confidence and self-reliance at the earliest. He appreciated the efforts of Netrokonians in maintaining peaceful conditions and establishing voluntary organisation like Razakars, AL-Badar and AL-Mujahid. These institutions were doing a very useful job, he said.

Earlier, the convenor of the Peace Committee and the Imam Sahib of the local Mosque addressed the gathering paying tributes to the armed forces for preserving integrity of Pakistan. They also reiterated their pledge to work in cooperation with the authorities for the solidarity of Pakistan.

After the meeting, Gen. Niazi drove to one local Martial Law Headquarters where he was shown a substantial quantity of arms, ammunitions and explosives recovered from Indian agents in the area. The material bore Indian marking.

Meets Troops

General Niazi also met the troops and EPCAF personnel and talked to them informally commending their devotion to duty, he said, "It is a great honour to be entrusted with the task of preserving national integrity."

Later, Gen. Niazi who was accompanied by the GOC during the tour flew to Itna on the Western side of Surma river where he met member of peace committee and workers of defunct Awami League who had recently returned to their homes after hearing the grant of general amnesty.

These workers repented for their past mistakes and pledged to live like patriotic citizens and work for the national solidarity.

Finally, The Martial Law Administrator visited Tarail in the Kishoregonj sub-division where he met the local officials and addressed a sizeable of the local people who had assembled there to greet the General. General Niazi appreciated their patriotic efforts and urged them to continue their sacred task relentlessly. He also advised them to tell others, particularly the misguided runaways that they achieve nothing through their disruptive activities except causing hardship to their own people. This is the time to forget the past bitter experiences and start working a new for the national reconstruction," he concluded.

Overall situation in East Pakistan showing improvements: Nurul Amin

Karachi, Sept. 17(*APP*): Mr. Nurul Amin, president Pakistan Democratic Party (PDP) said here today that the appointment of Dr. A.M. Malik as Governor of East Pakistan, and the formation of a council of minister "has raised some hopes" for a further and quicker improvement the situation in the Eastern wing.

He was talking to newsmen at Karachi Airport on arrival here from Dacca. The PDP chief has come here at the invitation of president Yahya Khan and will meet the latter at the president House tomorrow morning.

Mr. Amin said the PDP Working Committee had empowered him to whether or not any of his partymen should join Dr. Malik's council of Ministers.

He said he had not yet arrived at any decision on this point, adding that it would "depend on various circumstances."

He said if Dr. Malik and his Council of Ministers took the right decisions and actions, the East wing situation would improve.

When told that most of the members of Dr. Malik's council of Ministers consisted of defeated elements, who had lost the last general elections, he said, "these are the people, who are trying to bring back normalcy."

It was the defunct Awami League which was responsible for the present situation, he added.

Meeting with president

Asked as to what topics would come for discussion during his meeting with president Yahya, he said since he had been invited by the latter, he (president) would know the questions to be discussed.

He said though he did not know the agenda of the meeting he would in all probably discuss the present problems of East Pakistan with president Yahya.

Asked to specify these problems he said they included permanent flood control measures, food scarcity, economic difficulties, disruption of rent from agriculturists till the next crop was available.

Mr. Amin said constitutional matters might also come up for discussion, though he had not been consulted on this point.

He said his party had not formulated any separate constitution principles, but there were contained in its eight point election manifesto.

Replying to a query he said the constitution to be provided by president Yahya Khan must be approved by the National Assembly.

Asked whether the National Assembly should have the right to amend the constitution, he said if the National Assembly had the right to approve the constitution, the right to amend is also there.

Mr. Amin expressed doubts whether it would be possible to hold bye—elections for all the vacant national and provincial assembly seats in East Pakistan on one day because of some disruptions in the communications system.

Besides this question may not arise since it was unlikely that all the seats would be declared vacant on one and the same day and so one bye-election to the vacant seats would not necessarily be held simultaneously.

General Amnesty

Regarding the recently announced general amnesty, Mr Amin said it was one way of solving the problem and this process has to be tried.

He said as one of the political consequences of this move, some political leaders, who had gone to India might return.

He said it seemed that this move had been effective in persuading a large number of armed people to surrender to the authorities.

Regarding the overall situation in East Pakistan, he said it was showing improvements.

He declined to comment on matters affecting West Pakistan on ground of insufficient information.

He said he may go to Lahore for a short visit on Monday September 20.

Mr. Amin is scheduled to call on president Yahya Khan tomorrow morning at 10 am.

On arrival at the Karachi Airport, he was welcomed by a large number of partymen, admirers and friends.

Mr. Amin was accompanied by Mr. Mahmud Ali, vice president PDP and chief of the East Pkistan PDP, who is scheduled to leave for the United Nations on Sunday as the head of a 16-member Pakistan delegation.

Pakistan ready to face Indian threat

Sukkur, Sept. 17.(PPJ): Lt. Gen. Rakhman Gul, the Governor of Sind said here today that Pakistan was aware of the steady build up of Indian troops on Pakistan borders and was ready to face any threat and aggression from India.

He told newsmen at the Arian Airport on his arrival here this afternoon from Karachi on a three day visit that if India tries to attack any inch of Pakistan she would face crushing defeat. He pointed out that Indian troops had gathered on all borders of Pakistan.

Replying to a question, the Governor said that he was not aware of appointment of civilian governors in West Pakistan.

He said that it was up to the president to take a decision about it.

When asked about the release of political prisoners in West Pakistan the Governor replied that there were only three political prisoners in Sind province and their cases will be decided according to merits. The situation in West wing was quite different from that in East Pakistan, he added.