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People for ahead of political parties, says Bhashani

(APP)

Chittagong, March 20 (APP) : Maulana Bhashani, said here yesterday that people were far ahead of all political parties in respect of their political outlook and sense of dedication for their cause. He asked all the political parties to follow the people and try to project their hopes and aspirations.

Mujib-Yahya talks will be fruitful, hopes Maulana Ansari

Lahore, March 20 (PPI): Maulana Zafar Ahmed Ansari, independent MNA-elect, expressed the confidence that the Dacca parley between the Head of state and the majority party leader in the National Assembly will be fruitful.

Analysing the situation obtaining in the country and the various factors which led to the present political crisis Maulana Zafar Ahmed Ansari said all parties were now agreed on the question of the transfer of power before the framing of the constitution. This change of posture was the product of changed circumstances, he observed.

Yahya urged to accept 4-point demand of Mujib

(Correspondent)

Bhairab, March 20: In a largely attended meeting held at Bhairab Tin Path recently, Mr. Zillur Rahman MNA-elect, urged the president to immediately accept . The four point demand of Awami League chief Sheikh Mujib and hand over power to the elected representatives of the majority party in the interest of Pakistan's solidarity.

He appealed to the people to forget all the differences of caste and creed to have the common faith that all of them are Bengalees.

Ata urges Mujib to form national government

(APP)

Khulna, March 20 (APP) : Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan, chief of Bangla National League, today reiterated his stand for sovereign Bengal and urged the leader of the majority party Sheikh Mujib to form a national Govt.

Mr. Khan addressing a huge public meeting recently at local Shaheed Hadis Park further said that 75 million people of Bengal wanted sovereign Bengal and there was no point of any compromise at this stage with the leaders of West Pakistan to work out viable constitutional and political solution.

Mr. Ataur Rahman warned that people were ready to go to any length for the fulfilment of the cherished goal. Mr. Ataur Rahman also urged upon president Yahya to accept the demand of seven and a half crore people of Bengal for a sovereign Bengal so that the people of Bengal could guide their own destiny.

Non-co-operation Movement going on peacefully

(Staff Rep.)

The non-violent, non-co-operation movement launched by Sheikh Mujib following the postponement of the National Assembly on March 1, passed its 20th day yesterday throughout Bangladesh.

People throughout Bangladesh held meetings, rallies, processions and demonstrations, renewed their pledge to continue the movement under the leadership of the Bangabandhu for the realisation of their rights.

Black flags continue to flutter atop all buildings; meetings and rallies were held to express support and solidarity with the people's movement. According to the directive of the Awami League chief; all government and semi-government institutions continue to remain closed; schools, colleges and other educational institutions were also closed.

A large number of processions were also brought out.

A press release of the Swadhin Bangla Desh Sramik Sangram Parishad of Jatiya Sramik League in a press release called for observance to boycott week of West Pakistan products from March 23.

Bhutto due in city today

(APP)

Karachi, March 20, (APP) : Mr. Bhutto said here today that he proposed to leave for Dacca tomorrow on fresh invitation from president Yahya Khan.

Addressing a hurriedly summoned press conference here today, Mr. Bhutto said that clarification he had sought on president Yahya's invitation of March 16 had been received to his satisfaction.

The APP chief said, " Late last night I received another invitation from Yahya inviting me to come to Dacca immediately.

He said, "I propose to leave for Dacca as soon as possible. I am trying to get there by tomorrow."

The PPP chief said that he was conscious of the fact that time is the essence in the present political crisis. "I will spare no effort to leave for Dacca," he added.

SBKCSP leaders condemn firing at Joydevpur

(Staff Rep.)

Four leaders of Swadhin Bangladesh Kendria Chhatra Sangram Parishad in a joint press statement issued in Dacca yesterday condemned the firing on the unarmed civilians of Joydevpur by army personnel on Friday.

The SBKCSP leaders paid tributes to the people of Joydevpur for bravely facing the troops.

The student leaders prayed for the salvation of the souls of those killed and expressed their sympathy for the family members of the deceased.

The signatories to the statement are messrs Nur-e-Alam Siddiki, Shahjahan Seraj, A.S.M. Abdur Rab and Abdul Kuddus Makhan.

Carry forward movement in a peaceful manner : Mujib

(Staff Rep.)

Sheikh Mujib yesterday appealed to the people of Bangladesh to carry forward their movement in a peaceful and disciplined manner and said, "our movement must continue till the goal of emancipation is realised."

In a statement issued to the press, the Bangabandhu issued a stern warning to the saboteurs against mischievous provocations." Our people must observe rigorous discipline in every sphere of economic activity, so that the essential needs of the people can continue to be met".

Sheikh Mujib declared March 23 a holiday and said that the day "shall be observed as a holiday throughout Bangladesh." He said that "the programme of action announced on March 14 shall continue, subject to all directives and clarifications which have been issued and which may be issued from time to time."

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Brohi outlines 3-point formula

(Staff Rep.)

Eminent lawyer and jurist Mr. A.K. Brohi, has urged president Yahya to immediately transfer power to the people through the majority party in the National Assembly, to end the constitutional deadlock in the country.

Mr. Brohi, who was on a brief visit to Dacca, in an interview with Morning News here yesterday outlined a three-point constitutional formula which, according to him, could resolve the present stalemate.

According to Mr. Brohi, the first thing should be for Yahya to promulgate an order, "effacing" himself as the chief martial law administrator and becoming a constitutional head of the state under a provisional constitution.

Secondly, the president should call upon Mujib, the leader of the majority party in the NA to form the Govt. at the centre.

Thirdly, the NA should function only as the national parliament during a specified period, following which a constitution could be made.

Elaborating his formula, Mr. Brohi said that the arrangement would make Mujib and the Awami League insiders in the government and would enable them to rule the country and to get a stable constitution made for the country.

Mr. Brohi said he had come to Dacca at the invitation of friends in the Awami League to offer legal advice on constitutional issues, which he said he had already tendered. He said friends could always call him because they have a claim on him.

Mr. Brohi left Dacca for Karachi yesterday afternoon.

TV news-casters donate

In a meeting held here yesterday the members of the Television Newscasters Association have decided to contribute one day's remuneration to the Awami League Shaheed Relief Fund.

Mujib urged to protect interest of non-Bengalees

(ENA)

Karachi, March 21 (ENA) : Representatives of a number of political parties in a meeting here appealed to Awami League chief Mujib to increase his personal vigil for protecting the interest of the non-Bengalees in East Pakistan.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Hussain Iman and was attended among others, by the city's MNAs and MPAs. Besides the representatives of the National Awami Party (Wali Group), Awami League and PDP were also present.

It was observed that the recent law and order situation in East Pakistan was caused by Hindus including Indian infiltrators and some miscreants.

Services of Osman Ali recalled

(PPI)

Khandakar Mushtaque Ahmed, vice president, East Pakistan Awami League, said yesterday that a nation which did not pay due respect for its leaders could not exist

long; he added that the best way to pay homage to a departed leader was to carry forward his mission through a successful end, reports PPI.

The Awami League leader was addressing a mammoth public meeting held under the auspices of the Narayanganj city Awami League at the Town Hall Maidan yesterday afternoon. The meeting was organised to condole the death of Khan Saheb Osman Ali, a founder member of the Awami League and a veteran freedom fighter. Scores of processions, lathis and staves in hand marched the city streets before they reached. The venue of the meeting which was addressed among others, by Maulana Abdur Rashid Tarkabagish, and Mr. Mizanur Rahman, organising secretary of the East Pakistan Awami League.

Maulana Abdur Rashid Tarkabagish, the oldest member of the Awami League, paid a rich tribute to the memory of Khan Saheb Osman Ali. He quoted verses from the Holy Quran and popular poems in support of his services. He said that the Khan Saheb left us when the Bengalees were fighting for their emancipation. He called upon the people to follow the ideals of the late leader.

The meeting further condemned the firing and killing by the army on unarmed people at Chittagong Rangpur, Rajshahi, Joydevpur and other places.

Caution against defence remaining a central subject

(ENA)

Lt. Commander Imam Hussain PN (Retd.) said that the people of Bangla Desh must not commit the suicide of agreeing to defence remaining as a central subject with blank cheque reports ENA.

In a press statement issued in Dacca yesterday, Lt. Commander Hussain (Retd) says that it appears that the talks between Sheikh Mujib and Yahya is making some progress the success of which is expected to pave the way for lifting of the martial law, transfer of power to the people's representatives and the eventual meeting of the National Assembly. He says that it is high time for the people of Bangladesh to be wide awake to the fact that a country is said to be independent only when it is defended by her own people. According to this basic definition the people of Bangladesh were not independent for the last 23 years and this cruel fact has manifested itself in two ugly martial law regimes aimed at Bangladesh and killing of her people by non-Bengali troops, he opined.

Support to Mujib pledged

A meeting of the officers of the Technical Directorate was held here on Saturday under the leadership of Dr. Waker Ahmed Director of the Technical Education, reports PPI.

In a meeting they expressed their support to the historical movement of the 7.5 crore people of Bangladesh to achieve their emancipation under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib. They also took decision to contribute their one day's salary to the Awami League Relief Fund.

Yahya urged to transfer power immediately

(Staff Rep.)

Mr. Abdul Khaleque, General Secretary of East Pakistan, Jammāt-e-Islām, yesterday reiterated his party's demand to lift martial law and transfer of power to the elected representatives of the people without any delay.

In a press statement issued in Dacca yesterday, Mr. Khaleque maintained " as the future of the entire nation depends on the success of Yahya-Mujib talks. Every one of democracy heartily wants that there should exist no longer any uncertainty and the president should do the needful for transferring the power to the majority party by withdrawing martial law without further delay.

Massive renewal of support to movement

(ENA)

Massive supports continue to pour in from different quarters of Bangladesh to the non-violent and non-co-operation movement launched by Sheikh Mujib along with appeals to president Yahya to transfer power to the people's representatives, reports ENA.

The officers of Agriculture Directorate (Research and Education), Pak Motor Mahila Sangram Parishad, East Pakistan Blind Society, Anjuman Taraqqi-e- Urdu yesterday renewed their pledge to support the current mass movement of Bangladesh.

Teachers demand transfer of power

(Staff Rep.)

A joint rally of teachers of various educational institutions of city held at the central Shaheed Minar yesterday pledged their support to the leadership of Sheikh Mujib and urged for the immediate transfer of power to the elected representatives of the people after lifting the martial law from the country.

Organised jointly by the Dacca University Teachers' Association, Engineering University Teachers' Association, Bangla Teachers' Association and East Pakistan Govt. Secondary School Teachers' Association, the participants of the rally had earlier assembled in front of the Baitul Mukarram and formed a procession of the teachers, which paraded the main streets of the city, re-assembled at the central Saheed Minar.

The rally in a resolution criticised those teachers and educationists who did not disown the civil awards of the Government of Pakistan in support of the current mass movement.

The rally in another resolution demanded that all the non-Bengali service personnel be removed by the personnel from Bangladesh; it demanded adequate compensation for the victims of recent firings.

The rally also called for the release of all political detenus.

Mashiur Rahman warns against mass killing

(APP)

Mr. Mashur General Secretary of East Pakistan National Awami Party said yesterday in a statement that the authorities would be responsible if the people took "retaliatory measures against the mass killing in Bangla Desh, reports APP.

Condemning the Joydevpur firing the NAP leader said that if anybody thought that Bengalees would be terrified and remain in their houses because of tortures, he would definitely forget the lessons of history. He said that, through mass killing, the emancipation struggle of the Bengalees could not be stopped.

Bhutto arrives in Dacca for talks with Yahya

(Staff Reporter)

Mr. Bhutto; arrived in Dacca under heavy security arrangements from Karachi yesterday at the invitation of Yahya to discuss with him the existing political situation in the country.

Demonstration by ladies on Board launches

(Correspondent)

But the crowd that had formed at Farm Gate, Tashturibazar, in front of Pak Motors, DIT Supermarket and outside Hotel Intercontinent were entirely different. They raised slogans condemning him and his recent political activities which as the monsters caused the killing with placards carried by the large number of unarmed and innocent people in Bangladesh. The slogans raised were "Bhutto Bukey Lathi Maro"; Bhutto Go Back from Bangladesh "and "Bhutto, the killer of democracy". "Heavy security forces remained posted in Hotel Intercontinental to ensure the safety of the visiting West Pakistani leader.

Earlier the newsmen were not allowed to go near the airport. They were also not allowed inside the airport lounge.

Forces manning the checkpoint approximately 25 yards from the PAF Gate did not allow newsmen to go near the gate until they had taken off their badge indicating their profession. The badge issued by the East Pakistan Union of Journalists carried the only word 'Journalist' in Bengali. "But there were about hundred persons in plain cloth waiting in front of the gate apparently to have a glimpse of Mr. Bhutto.

The car carrying Mr. Mahmud Ali Kasuri, vice-chairman of the PPP, was stopped by the West Pakistan Students. Mr. Kasuri accompanied by his son was allowed to proceed after he promised to meet them and look into their grievances. The main placard that faced Mr. Kasuri was "Do not send more students " and "Call us back".

Movement will continue : Sheikh Mujib, Yahya hold unscheduled round of talks

(Staff Rep.)

Sheikh Mujib and Yahya had an unscheduled fifth round of talks yesterday at the president Bhavan for "clarification of certain points" in respect to the discussions they had in their earlier meetings.

At the end of the 70 minute talks, Sheikh Mujib told newsmen at his Dhanmondi residence it was "neither a sudden nor a surprise" meeting. He said that since " he was here and I am here, we could meet whenever any clarification was necessary.

Sheikh Mujib declined to answer when asked to elaborate the clarification sought for. He said the meeting was for certain clarifications regarding the discussions we had before. We are discussing many points," he added.

Sheikh Mujib who may have another round of talks, today with Yahya was accompanied by his party General Secretary Mr. Tajuddin during his meeting with Yahya yesterday.

Mr. A.K.Brohi, an eminent jurist, had called on Sheikh Mujib at Mujib's residence about an hour before the Awami League chief's unscheduled meeting with president Yahya.

Meanwhile, political circles indicated that the Awami League is firm in its demand that any political solution of the present constitutional impasse would have to be preceded by withdrawal of martial law.

The determination of Mujib to continue the present movement till "Our goal is achieved" again found repeated expression as he addressed as many as eight processions which converged on his residence yesterday.

Addressing one of these crowds Sheikh Mujib said the movement for the emancipation of the people of Bangla Desh from all exploitations would continue till "we can live as free citizens of a free country." The days of colonial exploitation is gone. He, however, cautioned the people that in their movement they should maintain peace and discipline. "We cannot betray the blood of the martyrs, but, at the same time, we have to remember that only a disciplined and peaceful movement would lead us to our goal.

He also reiterated his call for a preparedness on the part of 75 million people of Bangladesh for greater sacrifices, if it is necessary, for achieving their cherished goal.

He told the slogan-shouting men, women and children, "The entire people had now risen as a one man. And no awakened nation could be kept under subjugation."

The waves of processions chanted slogans urging upon the Banga-bandhu not to come to any settlement "until his demands were met". They also expressed their full confidence in the leadership of Sheikh Mujib.

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Determination to continue movement reaffirmed

(Staff Rep.)

More organizations and people from various walks of life have expressed their support to the Banga Bandhu Sheikh Mujib and reiterated their determination to continue the non-violent and non-co-operation movement till the emancipation of 75 million people of Bangladesh.

The Executive Committee of the Civil Aviation Officers' Association of Bangladesh in a meeting extended its support to the present movement of the 75 million Bengalees against the colonial vested interests of West Pakistan. It demanded immediate bifurcation of the Department of Civil Aviation with headquarters in Dacca.

Pledge renewed

The residents of Shantidhara areas near Gulshan, Dacca, renewed their pledge to carry on the non-violent and non-co-operation movement launched by Sheikh Mujib.

The All Pakistan Engineering Supervisors Association (T&T) Dacca in a meeting supported the present movement and expressed its confidence to the leadership of Sheikh Mujib. It also decided that the members of the Association would work sincerely for the smooth running of the telecommunications within Bangladesh.

Continue movement till emancipation, calls Mujib

(Staff Rep.)

Sheikh Mujib whose lakeside residence on Road No. 32 became a converging point of innumerable processions and a meeting place for huge slogan-chanting crowds yesterday reiterated his call to the people to continue their movement till the emancipation of the seven crore Bengalees.

The Bangabandhu told converging processionists in front of his house a number of times, "We have been exploited enough during the last 23 years. No more exploitation and assault will be tolerated", he warned.

Processions and rallies were so innumerable yesterday that Dacca turned into a city of processions and rallies. At one time Sheikh Mujib told newsmen at his residence, "I have not seen so many processions in a single day throughout my life." According to an estimate about 40 large processions brought out by different organisations and associations went to Sheikh's lake-side residence throughout the day.

Ready for sacrifice

The Awami League chief told the crowds to be prepared for any sacrifice for achieving the goal. He said that once the seven crore Bengalees had unitedly raised their head against continued exploitations and injustices, no power on earth could subdue them with any amount of force. He urged the people to continue the movement in a disciplined manner and said, "I am convinced that the demands of Bengalees will be realised and victory will be on our side."

The Sheikh told the people who urged him not to compromise, " Possibly we could still live as friends if they accepted our demands immediately".

The Sheikh urged the people to maintain discipline in the movement because "no nation had even prospered without sacrifice and strict discipline. " He, however, paid tributes to the people for their great sense of discipline and determination during the 21-day movement which had created a new chapter in the history of the world.

Indiscipline condemned

He strongly condemned the cases in which attempts were made to snatch away money or creates indiscipline. He urged the people to be cautious about these anti-social elements. He said our movement must continue peacefully but he reminded that a lot of blood of the martyrs had already been spilled. We must not allow to go these sacrifice in vain that the emancipation of Benga Desh could not be stopped by the bullets or any other weapon. He assured that no injustice would be allowed and added that not a " single person will be in jail when the country really belonged to you."

Political prisoners

The Awami League chief Sheikh Mujib declared that all political prisoners now detained without trial in jail would be released as soon as his party went to power.

Yahya and Mujib have reached accord : Bhutto

(ENA)

Mr. Bhutto said here yesterday that Yahya and Mujib had reached general agreement which he considered an "encouraging basis for further discussion.

Addressing a hurriedly called press conference at Hotel Intercontinental, at 9-15 p.m. Mr. Bhutto said that he had not put any formula of his own so far.

He said that the general agreement "was reached between the president and Mujib subject to the agreement of the PPP.

Mr. Bhutto reaffirmed that he and his party would strain every nerve to reach an understanding and agreement acceptable to all.

He said, "We are working on the four points (four preconditions of Sheikh Mujib) and more than that. We are considering interim arrangement keeping in view permanent arrangement.

When asked whether they were considering two constitutions, Mr. Bhutto said "We are thinking in term of one Pakistan."

Yahya-Mujib talks in presence of : Bhutto

(Staff Rep.)

Sheikh Mujib had his sixth round of talks with Yahya yesterday morning at the president Bhavan. Chairman of Pakistan People's Party, Mr. Bhutto, was present during the discussion.

After his 70 minute parley at the president Bhavan, Sheikh Mujib told newsmen at his residence that president had informed him in the presence of Mr. Bhutto that he had conveyed to Mr. Bhutto whatever "I had told him". President Yahya had also discussed Sheikh's points with Mr. Bhutto. Mujib declined to say anything more than this now."

In reply to a question whether there had been any further progress in his dialogue with the president, Mujib said, " If there is no progress why am I continuing the discussion."

He said he might meet the president today (Tuesday) or tommorrow (Wednesday).

Responding to a question regarding the postponement of the NA session by the president, Sheikh Mujib said, "Don't you know that we cannot sit in the NA until our demands are fulfilled" and added, "I think accordingly the president has postponed (the session of the Assembly). Asked if there would not be a serious situation if the talks failed Sheikh Saheb said that a serious situation already existed in Bangladesh. We are in a movement and our movement will continue till we achieve our goal."

Sheikh Mujib was not accompanied by my side during his yesterday parley at the president Bhavan. He told newsmen that his advisers will be meeting president's advisers today (Monday) or tomorrow (Thursday)".

Hundreds of people, mainly youngsters, gathered in front of the president Bhavan. They were occasionally raising Joi Bangla and other militant slongans of the day.

Strict security measures were adopted yesterday. The gathering was barricaded at a safe distance from the gate of the president Bhavan: When Sheikh Mujib came out, the waiting people raised thunderous slogans in support of his movement and made a fresh vow that they were prepared to make supreme sacrifice to achieve the emancipation of Bangladesh under his leadership.

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AL leaders visit Mazars of Shaheeds

Maulana Abdur Rashid Tarkabagish and Mr. Zaheeruddin MNAs-elect of the National Assembly yesterday visited the mazar of Faruque who died during the current movement at Rampura and offered fateha, reports APP.

Two other leaders Mr. Abdul Momin and Mr. Shamsul Haque also visited yesterday the Mazars of the Shaheeds at Joydevpur and offered fateha.

Yahya urged to transfer power immediately

Three accused of the Agartala conspiracy case, messrs, A.B.M. Khurshid; Abdul Aziz and Dalil Uddin, in joint statement last night urged president Yahya to immediately transfer power to majority party leader Sheikh Mujib. They also condemned the recent firing and killing of the unarmed people by army.

They further called upon the people of Bangladesh to stand firmly united under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib.

Protirodh Dibash observed throughout Bangladesh

(Staff Rep.)

Protirodh Dibash (Resistance Day) was observed yesterday in Dacca as elsewhere in Bangladesh in response to a call by the Swadhin Bangla Desh Kendria Chhatra Sangram Parishad.

A number of other political, students and workers' organisations who had their own programmes also observed the day in a befitting manner.

The day was a closed holiday all over Bangladesh in response to a directive of Mujib.

Hoisting of Swadhin Bangla flag atop all buildings and vehicles, paraded by Joy Bangla Bahini and others, rallies, meetings and processions were some of the highlights of the day's programmes.

Also fluttering with the new flag is the black flag hoisted 23 days ago in protest against the postponement of the National Assembly session.

Both the flags flew atop the Mujib's residence.

A large flag of Bangladesh fluttered side by side with a black flag throughout the day on the main mast of Hotel Intercontinental where the PPP chief Mr. Bhutto and other to West Pakistani leaders are staying.

Some employees of the hotel Raisted the Bangladesh flag ceremonially in presence of a group of local and foreign newsmen.

A junior army officer immediately came there and asked an employee of the hotel to remove the flag. "You can pull it down but I am not going to do so" was the reply of the hotel employees. After sometime the Army officer left the place.

The Bangladesh flag was found fluttering along with a black flag throughout the day under which the troops are guarding the hotel as security measures for Mr. Bhutto and Khan Abdul Qayyum.

The Bangladesh flag was also hoisted atop the ordnance factory at Gazipur.

Meanwhile Dacca which was so long the city of black flags turned into a city of Bangladesh flags yesterday.

Following the hoisting of flags a "probhat ferri" (early morning procession) was brought out from the mazars of martyrs at Azimpur graveyard where the people assemble in processions.

Parade

The main attraction of the day was the parade of "Joy Bangla Bahini" at Paltan Maidan. Four leaders of the Students Action Committee took the salute. Before the parade the new flag was ceremonially hoisted while the song—Sonar Bangla Ami Tomae Bhalobashi— was played.

KSP

The Krishak Sramik Party held a meeting at the mazar compound of the Sher-e-Bangla A.K.Fazlul Huq in observance of the Lahore Resolution Day.

EPSU

The East Pakistan Students Union, the students' wing of East Pakistan National Awami Party (Wali Khan) demanded yesterday that power must immediately be transferred to the majority party and in the new government the Armed Forces must not have any place.

No compromise on principles, says Mujib

(Staff Rep.)

Sheikh Mujib said yesterday that no sacrifice would be deemed great enough for achieving the cherished goal of the 75 million of people of Bangladesh. And our movement, he told, streams of processions that went to his Dhanmondhi residence yesterday would continue till we have achieved our rights to live as free citizens of a free country.

Sheikh Saheb said people no doubt wanted a peaceful solution of their problems but that did not mean that they can be suppressed by force; we have shed blood and if necessary, we shall shed the last drop of our blood to the last man, for the emancipation of the oppressed people of Bangladesh, he said.

Sheikh's determination found its expression in all his speeches. He told the huge procession of the volunteer corps of the students league. Our struggle is for emancipation and freedom. "There could be no compromise on our principles and demands of Bangladesh, he told the flag waving— processionists. The 75 million people were united and nothing could stand in the way of their victory. He told them to follow his leadership, because I know the aspirations of my people. The successful commander was he who could attain the maximum with minimum bloodshed", he reminded them.

Addressing the Awami League volunteers Sheikh Mujib said if the demands of the people of Bangladesh were not resolved peacefully he would launch such a country-wide movement that not a single exploiter would stay here.

The volunteers also gave a ceremonial salute to the Sheikh. He said people of Bangladesh have demonstrated their unity during last 23 days. The mothers and

sisters have also come out on the street, he said and added that this had amply demonstrated that no power on earth could now suppress the people in realising it.

He said he had been making efforts for a peaceful settlement for long and was still trying for it. He said people must have to take up the path of struggle if the demands were not met peacefully.

We have nothing to lose. What do we have that we will lose?, he asked. It were the exploiters who would really lose, he added.

Sheikh Mujib also addressed the Joy Bangla Bahini.

Troops escort Khan Quyyaum to president Bhavan

(PPI)

Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan called on president General Yahya at president Bhavan yesterday evening, reports PPI.

They remained together for over an hour.

The Khan, who arrived at his hotel under heavy security guard from the airport yesterday morning, remained in the hotel throughout the day.

He came down from his room under heavy security guard at 6 p.m. and was taken to the waiting army car in front of the hotel encircled by armed forces. An army truck with jawans pointing their guns followed his car upto the president Bhavan.

Meets Bhutto

Immediately after his arrival in Dacca Qayyum went into discussion with the PPP chief Mr. Bhutto at the latter's hotel suite.

Mr. Bhutto reportedly apprised Qayyum Khan of the nature of talks he had with the president.

UK, USSR mission hoist Bangla Desh flag

(ENA)

The British High Commission and the Soviet Consulate General hoisted yesterday the flag of Bangladesh in response to the call by the Swadhin Bangladesh Kendriya Chhatra Sangram Parishad. The Soviet Consulate General hoisted the flag of Bangladesh on the same mast under their own national flag and the British High Commission hoisted the flag of Bangladesh on a separate mast while the Union Jack flew from the main mast, reports ENP.

The Chinese Consulate-General hoisted the Pakistan flag. Some students later replaced the Pakistan flag with the flag of Bangladesh.

The Iranian, Indonesian and Nepalese Consulate-Generals hoisted the Pakistan flag.

The other foreign missions such as the USA did not hoist any flag, obviously to avoid the controversy.

24-hr. notice on Kachukent Shopkeepers

(Staff Rep.)

About 100 Shopkeepers in Kachukhet Market in Cantonment area have been asked by the military authorities to remove their structure immediately.

A notice served by the military estate officer, East Pakistan circle, said, "Licenses expired since long shopkeepers being trespassers are hereby directed to remove structures from military lands in Kachukhet and vacate sites within 24 hours. Failing which structure will be forfeited and sites cleared at their risk and cost says military estate officer (East Pakistan circle).

According to Gazi Akram Hossain of the Shopkeepers' Association of Kachukhet Market, they have been continuing their business undisturbed in the area since 1967. He also said that the matter had been brought to the notice of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

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Tajuddin condemns Army firing

(Staff Rep.)

Mr. Tajuddin last night expressed grave concern at the reports of military action in Rangpur, Chittagong and other places.

In a statement to the press Mr. Tajuddin said: I view with grave concern the reports which we are receiving from Saidpur, Chittagong and other places of military action. In Rangpur, there is a report of indiscriminate firing, In Mirpur also tension is being fomented. All these actions creating an abnormal and tense situation.

It is unfortunate that while a political solution is being pursued in talks with Yahya, the atmosphere is being vitiated by these untoward incidents.

We would like to emphasise once again that any attempt to frustrate the efforts of arriving at a political solution would be reckless. The awakened people of Bangladesh would not allow this to be done.

We would urge those concerned to desist from such actions as would vitiate the atmosphere for a political solution. I urge the people to be vigilant and to be ready to make any sacrifice to defeat the conspiracies of anti-people forces.

Mujib warns against attempts to impose decision on people

(APP)

Sheikh Mujib yesterday warned against any attempt to impose a decision on the people of Bangladesh, and said that we would not tolerate it, reports APP.

Our demands are just and clear and they must have to be accepted, he said.

Addressing a huge gathering which assembled in front of his house, Sheikh Mujib declared that the people had awakened and were united like one man. No power on earth could suppress their demands, he said. If anyone showed his "red eyes" to suppress the people's rights we would not tolerate them, he said.

Sheikh Saheb said: We want peaceful settlement but if anyone did not want it (peaceful settlement) you would not be able to suppress us. I hope nobody will try that, he added.

Sheikh Mujib said the movement would continue till the goal was achieved. Until the people of Bangladesh are emancipated and their rights achieved, the struggle will continue, he said.

Plea for discipline

He, however, urged the people to maintain discipline in their struggle. He warned that a section of the people were trying to sabotage the movement by creating communal riots. They have many things. They want to create violence in the hope of sabotaging the movement to get a share of the cake as divided by the monkeys, he said.

He regretted to say that such an attempt was made at Saidpur.

He warned those people that such efforts would fail because the people of Bangladesh were united today. Whatever conspiracy you indulge in, you will not succeed in suppressing the demands of the people, he said.

Sheikh Mujib said: We would not bow our heads to any force. We will free the people of Bangladesh. He declared that nobody could purchase my head. Others might betray the blood of the martyrs, but I cannot, he said and added that the people would not allow the blood of martyrs to go waste.

He, therefore, urged the people to keep up the movement while they remain prepared for any eventuality.

"I do not know whether I shall live to give the order for the intensified struggle you must continue your struggle, to realise your rights", he said.

He told the people not to tolerate the force and oppression and urged them to resist them.

No less than two scores of processions of men, women and children converged at the house of the Sheikh to express their solidarity in the people's movement and confidence in the leadership of the Sheikh.

Dacca turns into a city of processions

(PPI)

The non-co-operation, non-violent movement launched by Mujib to establish people's raj by crushing the oppressive machinery of the exploiters ended 23rd day yesterday, reports PPI.

The people's determination not to co-operate with martial law regime has not budged even an inch. Dacca city has virtually turned into a city of closed offices, meetings, peaceful processions and protest rallies against the authorities for delaying the process of democracy.

Meanwhile people are continuing to extend their spontaneous support to Bangabandhu in his struggle for their emancipation.

Our staff reporter writes:

A rally of the Dacca newspaper hawkers held at the central Shaheed Minar yesterday expressed its solidarity with the current mass movement for the emancipation and freedom of the people of Bangladesh.

Presided over by Giasuddin Ahmed, the newspaper hawkers pledged to sacrifice their lives for the cause of the motherland.

The rally in a resolution condemned the Joydevpur firing and demanded the release of all political detenus.

The rally was followed by a procession terminating at the Dhanmondi residence of the Bangabandhu later, the secretary of the Dacca Newspaper Hawkers Union, Mr. Nurul Islam donated Rs. 251 on behalf of the hawkers to the Awami League relief fund for the victims of the current mass movement.

Habib Bank Electric Cashier Sangram Parishad, Central Mukul Mela, Writers' Sangram Shibir, Forward Student Bloc yesterday held a meeting. The meeting renewed its determination to continue the movement.

Advisers talk for two hours' warning against delay in announcement of decisions

(Staff Rep.)

The three Awami League leaders and four advisers of Yahya had a two hour long discussion on the principles agreed upon by Sheikh Mujib and the president.

At the end of the discussions Mr. Tajuddin Ahmed, told newsmen that as far they were concerned. They had placed all their points necessary for implementation of the principles agreed between president and Sheikh Mujib. Since they had placed all their points, Mr. Tajuddin felt that no further meeting would be necessary as far as Awami League was concerned.

He, however, added that they were ready to offer any clarification to the complete plan that had been placed before the meeting for implementation of the principles agreed upon to end the present crisis.

In reply to a question he said the political situation which was already grave was bound to deteriorate if there was any further delay in the announcement of the decisions. He added the earlier the decisions were announced the better.

The Awami League leaders who attended the meeting were Syed Nazrul Islam, Mr. Tajuddin and Dr. Kamal Hossain. The president's advisers present at the meeting were Mr. Justice A.R. Cornelius, Mr. M.M. Ahmed, Lt. General Peerzada and Col. Hasan.

Meanwhile, there was visible impatience among political observers about the lingering of the talks.

It was stated that since agreement had already been reached between the president and the Awami League chief on principles a delay in the announcement of the decisions would also lead. The political situation to a point where any peaceful solution may be rendered impossible.

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- Major towns, countryside continue to be normal.
- Yahya returns to Islamabad.
- UK envoy report calm.
- Yahya's stand to save Pakistan praised by Zehri.
- Pakistan protest to India.
- Indian plan to support anti-Pakistan movement.
- Pak envoy meets Iraqi vice-president.
- Yahya lauded for right steps to save country.
- No individual can be allowed to destroy Pakistan.

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Hospital staffs asked to join immediately

The following handout was issued by the Inter-services Public Relations Department yesterday

1. All the remaining hospital staffs of all the hospitals in the province will report on duty immediately.
2. All those persons who deposited their licenced arms with police stations may collect these arms on production of receipt.
3. Government servants in possession of licenced arms need not deposit their arms in the police stations. All heads of the departments will carry out proper checks and send a list of their departments to HQ Major General Civil Affairs through proper channel.
4. Restrictions on the assembly of five or more persons as announced earlier will remain in force upto April 15.
5. The daily curfew timings will be from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. unless notified announced otherwise.

Tikka Khan meets senior civil servants : Food situation discussed

The ML administrator, zone B, Lt. General Tikka Khan, met the chief secretary, other secretaries and Heads of Departments of the East Pakistan Government in Dacca yesterday morning.

Food situation in the province in general and the speedy transportation of food within the province were discussed. Addressing the senior civil servants Lt. General Tikka Khan said that one month of normal productive activity of the province had been lost giving a setback to the economy. He said they will have to work very hard to catch up on the lost time.

The ML administrator Zone B, has directed the general public that in accordance with ML order 132, all Government taxes will be paid in the normal manner except where specific exemptions have been given by the East Pakistan Government.