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## *500,000 plan march to Pakistan*

NEW DELHI, India (UPI) — India reinforced its border with Bangladesh today to stop nearly a half-million of Bangladesh's Bihari Moslems from embarking on a planned 1,500-mile march to Pakistan, which they call their homeland.

It was unclear whether the refugees would try to break the blockade and make the long trek from a country that has refused to let them leave, to a country that may not want them, by way of a country that says it will not let allow itself to be used as a "human corridor."

Bangladesh police have dispersed the Biharis wherever they tried to assemble to prepare for the long march, which was to have begun with 10,000 people crossing into India from the northern district of Dinajpur.

A Bengali government source said the refugees appeared to have put off their march Monday.

Still, Indian officials were taking no chances. They said they had ordered 3,500 more paramilitary troops to the border, which is already under guard by several hundred Indian police. Army troops are on alert.