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## 3 Asian nations closer to accord

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India, Pakistan and Bangladesh came closer to full reconciliation as Bangladesh agreed to drop atrocity charges against the last 195 Pakistani POWs from the 1971 war and permit their return home.

Foreign ministers of the subcontinent's three countries ended five days of intensive bargaining Tuesday night with the announcement that one of the toughest disputes left over from the Bangladesh war of independence had been cleared up.

A joint statement was expected today.

Bangladesh sources reported that in return for settlement of the POW issue, Pakistan agreed to review the applications of Bihari Moslems in Bangladesh who previously were refused admission to Pakistan. The Bangladesh government says some 400,000 of the non-Bengali Moslems in the former East Pakistan want to move to Pakistan now that there is no chance of it regaining control of its former province.

Another accord last summer cleared the way for the repatriation of some 300,000 prisoners of war and civilians displaced by the war. But Prime Minister Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh maintained that 195 of the prisoners India was holding must be tried for war crimes. Bhutto refused to recognize Bangladesh until the POWs were released.

The stalemate was broken last Feb. 22 when Bhutto bowed to pressure from Moslem leaders gathered for a summit in Lahore and extended recognition to Bangladesh, setting off a flurry of similar moves by other capitals.

"The trials, tribulations and conflicts of our subcontinent will become a thing of the past — something of a bad dream that is best forgotten," said Singh during the brief signing ceremony Tuesday.