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Moslem Officials Press Demand for Pakistan Statehood

NEW DELHI, India, Feb 23 (AP)—Mohammed Ali Jinnah, leader of the Moslem league, declared, at Karachi today that the league would not yield in its demand for Pakistan, an independent Moslem state within India.



Mohammed
Jinnah

In his first public statement since Prime Minister Attlee's announcement that Britain would withdraw from India by June, 1948, Jinnah made no direct reference to the British declaration.

Speaking at a camp housing Moslem refugees from communal disorders in Bihar,

he said:

"The sufferings Moslems underwent in Bihar and elsewhere clearly showed we should have the separate state of Pakistan. I am really proud of the Bihar Moslems who sacrificed so much. Their sacrifices will not go in vain. They have brought the Pakistan goal nearer and have shown readiness to make any sacrifice for its attainment."

In New Delhi Allama Mashriqui, leader of Khaksar, an independent Moslem party, declared that the date for withdrawal of British forces from India would be "the zero hour for the start of a terrible carnage of Moslems." He called Attlee's statement camouflaged mischief."

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