

PAKISTAN URGES HELP FOR BIHARIS

Bengali Atrocities Charged in Appeal to 13 Nations

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RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Feb. 5—The Pakistani Government appealed to other nations tonight to help stop what it called "atrocities" being committed by Bengalis against the Bihari minority in East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. It said that nations that had "prematurely" recognized the Bangladesh Government had a special responsibility to ensure the protection of the non-Bengali population.

The ambassadors of 13 countries were called to a meeting at the Foreign Office late this afternoon and told of the Pakistani Government's "grave concern over the reports that the non-Bengali speaking Moslems in East Pakistan were being made targets of sustained attacks and atrocities in different places in East Pakistan," according to a Government spokesman.

The ambassadors were told that those countries that had already recognized Bangladesh "should help the unfortunate victims by affording them facilities of settlement in their own countries." The spokesman added:

"This applies especially to countries where employment opportunities exist and which have programs of planned immigration and settlement. This would serve the humanitarian

purpose which some of these countries have been so anxious to promote."

Asked if the Pakistani Government was suggesting that it would not repatriate the non-Bengalis in the East, the spokesman said, "This doesn't mean Pakistani won't take them, but how will they reach the West?"

Asked if the Pakistani Government would accept them in West Pakistan if other nations provided transport, the spokesman said that the Government "will consider it."

A Government press release said the ambassador had been told that "the countries that had prematurely accorded recognition to the administration in Dacca bear a special responsibility for the fate of non-Bengalis" in East Pakistan as their precipitate action had aggravated the situation by making the authorities in Dacca indifferent to world opinion."

Amadullah Sardar, a Government press spokesman, added,

"If the world community felt impelled to react so sharply to atrocities allegedly committed against the Bengalis, it cannot ignore or condone those committed by the Bengalis."

The Ambassadors called to the Foreign Office were from West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain, the Netherlands, Britain, United States, the Soviet Union, France and Canada.