

Separate Moslem State Demanded

NEW DELHI, Feb. 24. (AP)—In his first public statement since Britain announced plans to withdraw from India by June, 1948, Mohamed Ali Jinnah declared yesterday that his Moslem league would not yield in its demand for

Pakistan — a separate Moslem state.

At the same time, Allama Mashriqui, leader of Khaksar, an independent Moslem party, asserted that the withdrawal of British forces from India would be "the zero hour for the start of a terrible carnage of Moslems."

Mashriqui called the British announcement "camouflaged mischief."

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Bihar. While avoiding direct reference to the British declaration, he said:

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ly showed we should have a separate state of Pakistan. I am really proud of the Bihar Moslems who sacrificed so much. Their sacrifices will not go in vain.

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