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## U.N. group visits Dacca, worries over Biharis' plight

DACCA (UPI)—A special representative of the United Nations visited Dacca's troubled suburb of Mirpur Saturday and said something had to be done soon about the plight of Bangladesh's Bihari minority before the situation became more critical.

"It is not a disaster area,"

Vittorio Winspeare Guicciardi told newsmen after a three-hour tour of the enclave where about 200,000 non-Bengalia Moslem Biharis have been virtually sealed off for almost two weeks. "But the situation could become worse if nothing is done."

The new nation of Bangladesh,

formerly East Pakistan, was granted diplomatic recognition by France and Italy Saturday. It brought to 37 the total of countries to recognize Bangladesh as an independent and sovereign state.

Winspeare said he would go to Islamabad Sunday to sound out Pakistani President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto about a possible exchange of Bangladesh's 1.5 million Biharis for an estimated 400,000 Bengalis in Pakistan.

(The Press Trust of India news agency said Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibar Rahman told Winspeare Bangladesh would welcome such an exchange.)

Meantime, the Biharis, issued their own statement, appealing for immediate relief or their entire community "will soon perish."

## Soviets admit aid to Asia communists

PARIS (UPI)—The Soviet Union said Saturday it is the main supplier of aid to Indochinese Communists, furnishing them with anti-aircraft missiles, supersonic jet fighters and other

in the organization of a successful retaliation to aggressors in Vietnam," the Soviet memorandum said.

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