

Pakistan War Virtually Over

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ON THE EAST PAKISTAN BORDER—The war that had never been a war was virtually over Monday.

Thousands of East Pakistani refugees, including civilians with household goods and Bangla Desh (Bengali nation) freedom fighters with jeeps and arms, continued to stream across the border into India ahead of the advancing West Pakistani army.

The unorganized, poorly armed liberation forces were routed with ease by the West Pakistani military equipped with arms supplied by the United States, the Soviet Union and China.

Forces Swoop On

The struggle to establish the Republic of Bangla Desh under the presidency of the perhaps-captured Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by the liberation army has been swept away by the West Pakistanis in an advance throughout the nation.

(News agencies reported Pakistan formally accused Indian troops, supported by artillery, of attacking a border post. Last week there were similar charges and protests by India.

(The Press Trust of India reported continuing bloody fighting between the West Pakistanis and the Bangla Desh forces near the border.)

Here, however, Indian border security guards simply looked the other way as Bengalis, armed or not, moved across into Indian territory.

As the gunfire slackened, emotionalism mounted. But despite such dramatic happenings as Sunday's defection to the Bangla Desh of the Pakistani high commissioner in Calcutta, the cold fact remains that the West Pakistanis are in full control of East Pakistan.