

# Pakistan Accuses India Of Attacking Bengal Outpost

New Delhi, April 19 (AP) — Pakistan today formally accused India of attacking a border post in its eastern province where a rebellion is in progress.

Radio Pakistan said the protest made to the Indian high commissioner in Islamabad, Pakistan's administrative capital. The protest charged that Indian forces used artillery in an attack early Friday against a border post near India's Tripura State.

At the same time several hundred Bengali rebels were regrouping at Beita on the Indian side of the frontier. An officer of the Indian security force said the rebels were preparing for a counterattack against advancing Pakistani troops.

But the rebels looked tired,

bedraggled, dispirited, and in no condition to launch an attack in the near future.

Radio Pakistan said the protest made in Islamabad warned India against allowing any further attacks on West Pakistani forces near the Indian border. India last Thursday accused Pakistani forces of "resorting to unprovoked and heavy firing and adopting threatening postures" in the sector in which Pakistan claims the Indian attack took place. This is between Comilla and Brahmanbari.

**Earlier Allegations Repeated**  
Radio Pakistan repeated earlier allegations that India was sending arms and supplies "to infiltrators and anti-state elements" in East Pakistan from Tripura State.

The phrase "anti-state ele-

ments" has been used by Radio Pakistan to describe supporters of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, nominal president of Bangladesh, the name the rebels have given East Pakistan.

The Indian government has repeatedly denied Pakistani charges that it is sending help to the rebel forces.

**Indian Charge Denied**  
Pakistan similarly denied India's allegation last week that its armed forces had fired into Indian territory.

An Associated Press correspondent reported from Beita that rebel troops, driven out of the East Pakistani border town of Meherpuron yesterday crossed into India with their weapons, and no attempt had been made by Indian authorities to disarm them.

Several officers of India's 2nd Sikh Light Infantry were at the Beita border post, however, and units of the regiment were on hand in the immediate vicinity.

The purpose of the Sikh troops was not clear, since India and Pakistan have a long-standing agreement not to position regular army units within three miles of the border.

**Vehicles Move Freely**  
Some 700 Bangladesh troops were encamped around the Beita border post. Many of them were members of the East Pakistan Rifles, and wore steel helmets and combat uniform.

Bangladesh vehicles, loaded with armed men, were moving freely on roads between Beita

and Krishnanagar, a distance of 25 miles.

Bangladesh troops without weapons carried umbrellas. They tramped across the border with several thousand civilian refugees.

Border officials reported that members of the newly formed provisional government of Bangladesh also have crossed into India.

Maj. Chawdbary Osman, in charge of the Bangladesh

southwest command, is lodged with his family in Indian government quarters at Drishnaanagar, 60 miles northwest of Calcutta.

The East Pakistani troops have abandoned their border post at nearby Baidyanath Tala, where two days ago secessionist leaders proclaimed the independence of Bangladesh. Several thousand local people quit their village yesterday in fear of a reprisal.