

EAST PAKISTAN PAPER IS BANNED BY REGIME

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The government of East Pakistan last night banned publication of the Pakistan Observer of Dacca, East Pakistan's leading English language daily. The action followed publication of an editorial attack on Prime Minister Kwaja Nazimuddin.

Police also arrested and later released Hameedul Ha Choudry, the paper's publisher, and Abdus Salam, its editor. The paper's presses have been attached and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of the manager of the plant who is temporarily out of town. It is understood that the publisher and editor do not have recourse to legal appeal against the government's action. In an official statement the government said the action was taken against the paper and its officials because of the "frankly subversive role of the paper and the anti-state activities and extraterritorial activity of those connected with the paper during the last two years."

The publisher and editor were arrested admittedly in connection with publication on Tuesday of an editorial titled "Crypto Fascism." The editorial took exception to Kwaja Nazimuddin's accession to power following the assassination of Liaquat Ali Khan and expressed the fear that the group in power was showing totalitarian leanings.

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