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**East Pakistan Capital Sees
Another Day of Violence—
Newspaper Office Burned.**

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KARACHI, Pakistan, Feb. 23—Pakistan Army units have been called out to support police in quelling the continuing violence in Dacca, capital of East Pakistan.

The soldiers were called out yesterday after a day that saw more shooting and the burning of a newspaper office. A reliable but unconfirmed report received here stated that five more persons had been injured today.

Yesterday's action brought the total number killed to eight, with more than 100 injured.

A general strike in opposition to the police action was held in Dacca during the day. The police requisitioned all taxis and some buses and imposed a curfew from 10 o'clock last night until 5 o'clock this morning.

Government information sources here have promised prompt issuance of an official statement explaining the background of the strife and the reasons for the paucity of reports from Dacca.

It was confirmed here this morning that yesterday a crowd burned down the offices of the Dacca Morning News. The paper is owned by Kwaja Nooruddin, brother-in-law of Prime Minister Khwaja Nazimuddin.

The recent outbreaks in East Pakistan were apparently set off following last week's banning of the Pakistan Observer, East Pakistan's leading English daily, and the Morning News, its principal competitor. The Pakistan Observer had printed an editorial attacking the Prime Minister. Yesterday the East Pakistan Assembly adopted a resolution asking the Pakistan Constituent Assembly to adopt Bengali as the official language of the country along with Urdu.

The Karachi Government has long opposed the adoption of Bengali for it fears that it would mark a trend toward decentralization of government away from Karachi. It is now generally agreed here that the language problem is being used by non-Pakistani elements as a rallying point around which to form the recent damaging demonstrations.

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