## INDIA DENIES RIOT ROLE

## Rejects Charge of Inspiring East Pakistan Language Row

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NEW DELHI, India, Feb. 29—An official spokesman for the External Affairs Ministry denied today allegations that the recent troubles in East Pakistan over the establishment of Urdu as the state language in the Bengali-speaking province had been inspired and assisted by Indians.

"It is for the people of Pakistan to decide which should be their state language and the people of India have no interest at all in this

controversy," he said.

The spokesman also feared that insinuations against India in connection with the language controversy would incite the Moslems of East Pakistan against the Hindu minority there.

Several leading Hindus have already been arrested in Dacca, and the university, a center of the language agitation that cost eight lives in the riots, has been closed indefinitely.

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