

On the civil side, necessary arrangements are being made to provide medical cover to Bangladesh citizens. An amount of Rs.9,50,000.00 has been earmarked for this purpose.

The Health Secretary has also made arrangements for absorption of Bangladesh Doctors in various jobs.

These Doctors have been engaged by the Government of India to look after the evacuee camps.

The Health Department is also responsible for collection of medicines and other equipments as donations from various friendly agencies and despatching them to the sectors on the basis of requisitions received.

The Health Department has also been entrusted with the duty of procuring equipments, ambulance etc. for the sectors in case of their non-availability from friendly sources.

7. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting:

The Bangladesh Radio is one of the earliest organisations under the Government. Initially, the radio was installed under the direct supervision of Mr. Abdul Mannan, M.A. The staff for programming and broadcasting were selected from amongst the former Radio Pakistan who came over to us. Gradually, more and more artists and

and technicians have joined us resulting in improvement of the radio's out-put. By now almost 100 persons have been recruited for Bangladesh radio. Because of the presence of a large number of heterogeneous elements, it has been extremely difficult to regularise the services of all the Bangladesh radio personnel according to a definite standard. Since radio is our most important information media and comes only second to our war-effort <sup>in order of</sup> priority Government have always sanctioned necessary financial backing for it.

The other agencies organised under the Information and Broadcasting Ministry are:

- (a) Director of Films;
- (b) Director of Publication; and,
- (c) Director of Arts and Designs.

As discussed above the psychological war-tare Cell of the Ministry of Defence works in close collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

The External publicity of the Government is at present located within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

This wing has brought out a large number of publications in the form of book-lets, pamphlets, brochures etc. These have played a very significant role in our foreign

The Minister-in-charge of Home is also

responsible for the Zonal Administrative Councils. His Ministry performs the following functions, among others:

(a) Administrative set-up in the liberated areas;

(b) Issue of Travel documents; and

(c) Enquiries.

9. Relief & Rehabilitation Department:

This is organised under a Relief Commissioner

who works directly under the Minister for Home and

Relief. This department runs an office at Princep

Street. It scrutinises various applications received

for relief and helps Bangladesh citizens in special cases

They are also organising Zonal Relief Offices within the-

framework of the Zonal Administrative Councils.

This Ministry has organised relief to Bangladesh

Teachers. A scheme for Camp-Schools utilising the services

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services of the Bangladesh teachers for the benefit of  
evacuee camps children has also been drawn up and  
partly implemented with the help of the Bangladesh  
Teachers' Association, of which Mr. Kamaruzzaman, MNA,  
is the Executive President.

A few eminent Bangladesh intellectuals have

also published books and book-lets covering a wide range

of subjects projecting the Bangladesh cause and struggle

for freedom.

Recently a series of meetings were held with the

Heads of Information agencies under the friendly Government

in order to further strengthen our publicity effort on all

fronts. All necessary assistance has been promised and is

is forthcoming.

This Ministry has suffered from the beginning

in the absence of an experienced person with necessary

expertise who could be appointed as Secretary. After

waiting for a long time Government have very recently

appointed Mr. Anwarul Haque Khan on a purely temporary

basis to look after this department. He will work in

close co-operation with Mr. A. Mannan, MNA.

B. Ministry of Home.

This has now been organised under a full-fledged

Secretary. Until recently the Inspector-General of Police

was doing the main work of this department. Collection

of information and its dissemination to various agencies

involved is an important function of the Home Ministry.

10. Parliamentary Affairs Division:

This is looked after by the Minister for Foreign Affairs himself. At the moment it is responsible for taking care of the problems of the elected representatives of Bangladesh.

11. Agriculture Department:

This is yet to be organised. Only a Secretary has been appointed who is now preparing a blue-print for agricultural development in free Bangladesh.

12. Engineering Department:

A Chief Engineer has been appointed. Under him Zonal Engineers are also being posted to cater to the needs of the Sector Commanders. They will also be responsible for taking care of the engineering problems in the liberated areas.

(1) Planning Commission:

Government have recently organised the former Planning Cell into a full-fledged Planning Commission. Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed Choudhury has been appointed as the Chairman of the Commission with the following as Members:

- (a) Dr. Sarwar Nurshed;
- (b) Dr. Musharraf Hossain;
- (c) Dr. S.R. Bose; and,
- (d) Dr. Anisuzzaman,

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The Commission is now recruiting its own staff from amongst the Bangladesh intellectuals and technicians who have reported to the Government.

The Commission have been entrusted with the following functions:

- (a) To prepare a long-term development Plan for free Bangladesh on the basis of the Awami League manifesto and the objectives set down by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Awami League High Command;
- (b) To prepare a mid-term Plan for reconstruction of the country and its economy. This plan will have to be fitted into the long-term plan; and,
- (c) To prepare a short-term reconstruction Plan, which will be necessary in the immediate future.

As the problem of reconstruction will be a gigantic one and the Government will be left with no time to tackle these problems, we must be ready with all our plans and programmes right now. Planning, therefore, has assumed a real sense of urgency.

For the immediate reconstruction of the country the following problems will have to be taken care of:

- (a) Problem of rehabilitation of refugees;
- (b) Problem of accommodation for the displaced persons;
- (c) Food supply;
- (d) Restoration of communication;
- (e) Restoration of normal facilities, such as, health, electricity, water, hospitals etc.
- (f) Commissioning of damaged Ports, Factories, Industrial institutions etc;
- (g) Restoration of law and order;
- (h) Restoration of educational facilities;
- (i) De-mobilisation of the Armed Forces as far as possible and arranging education for the Youth now under Arms; **সহ,**
- (j) Commencing Bank and Insurance and other financial Institutions according to the avowed policy of the Government for nationalising them;
- (k) Restoration of Trade and Commerce; and,
- (l) Future trading of the country, and so on and so forth.

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The Planning Commission is also tendering expert advises on relevant subjects to the Government from time to time.

Co-operation with friendly institutions in matters of Planning:

A series of discussions were held earlier with Mr. D.P. Dhar. Recently Dr. S. Chakravarty of the Indian Planning Commission also came here and held detailed discussions with the Acting President, Prime Minister and the Planning Commission. Various fields of co-operation and mutual assistance in the matter of planning were discussed. Services and facilities have been offered also.

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(ii) Board of Trade & Commerce:

This has already been covered under the Ministry of Commerce.

(iii) Board of Control, Youth & Reception Camps:

This Board is headed by Prof. Yousuf Ali, MNA. According to the re-organised structure the Youth Camp Directorate come under the Ministry of Finance. The Prime Minister has delegated the function of looking after the Youth Camps to the Home Minister, who discharges this responsibility with the help and Reception Camps;

There are now as many as 24 Youth Camps and 112 Reception Camps, (list enclosed). The requirements of the Youth and Reception Camps are now being taken care of by the Board on the basis of the budget approved. Training facilities for the Youth Camp Units have also been organised on a large scale. Regular induction of boys from the Youth Camps into the Guerrilla forces is also being made. Essential items for the Youth such as, beddings, woollen garments, blankets etc. are now being taken care of both by the friendly agencies as well as by our own institutional arrangements.

(iv) Relief & Rehabilitation Board (Committee)

This is headed by the Home Minister and is responsible for looking after the Bangladesh evacuees.

(v) Evacuee Welfare Board:

This is yet to be organised. Only a Chairman has been appointed.

The following three Associations have also been organised by Bangladesh citizens outside the Government periphery:

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- (a) Bangladesh Red Cross Society, (Dr. Ashabul Haque, MPA).
- (b) Bangladesh Teachers' Association, (Mr. Kamaruzzaman, MNA).
- (c) Bangladesh Volunteer Service Corps (Lt. Aminul Islam, MNA).

*H. T. Imam*  
(H. T. Imam)  
Cabinet Secretary, 20. X. 71  
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

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আওয়ামী লীগ কার্যকরী কমিটির বৈঠকে (২০, ২১, ২৭ ও ২৮শে অক্টোবর, '৭১) প্রদত্ত বিভিন্ন বক্তব্যের সংক্ষিপ্তসার (ডাকউদ্দিন আহমদের স্বহস্তে লিখিত)।

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H. C. meeting

- 1) Consultative Committee -- How and under what circumstances formed
- 2) Mr. Nazimuddin appointed by Mr. K. K. Khatun to monitor the work done by the Mujib's cabinet and some other representatives
- 3)

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As President

- 1) Scheme for 65 million people living in side Bangladesh
- 2) Scheme for activities for the 9 million refugees
- 3) Scheme for political motivation of the freedom fighters and their fruitful absorption in future framework of the free Bangladesh.

Mr. Nazim

- 1) Mujib's activities, Mr. Nazim's activities, Mr. Nazim's activities
- 2) Communist activities, Mr. Nazim's activities, Mr. Nazim's activities
- 3) Indian Army Officers' activities, Mr. Nazim's activities, Mr. Nazim's activities
- 4) B. V. S. C.
- 5) Mr. Nazim's activities

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INDUCTION

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- 1) Sufficiency of language in T.C.
- 2) Recruitment - no proper covering

3. MUMBAI TABLES

- 1) Anil Patil - killed 5 including 2L weapon
- 2) Two clerks - B. Camp. - Bhawan Group.
- 3) Request to pass order to print constitutional documents
- 4) Propaganda material to be printed & sent in state
- 5) To prevent large election

4. Other Deliberations

- 1) Liberation Council
- 2) Defense Dept. to be placed with some able person or by President
- 3) At least 400 days should be spent in the prison

MR. SHAMSUL HOQ

- 1) To call W.C. once a month
- 2) Why requisition meeting
- 3) Money question - who are responsible for expense misappropriation
- 4) Gul Day responsible for arrest of Shikhi B.
- 5) Gul Day. Tell to leaders given charge 2 recruitant why difference
- 6) S. Khan Khairi: Why don't recognize Gul Day and M.A.'s a V.P.A.'s
- 7) S. Khan Khairi - Sadik Khan, P.S. of P.M.
- 8) Sk. Jafarullah, Muzi - no recognition from Gul Day as long T.A. remained P.M. He is led by an Invisible Govt

7) Foreign delegations - person. no.

10) Vehicles -

11) Youth - 1100 in jail in hospital also  
 - To identify and secure release  
 - To set up a Committee for the purpose

Rs 14,50,000/- for Youth Camps ?

12) Camp maintenance - boys suffer for want of food although they are allowed 40 Rupees more than refugees.

13) B.V.S.C. - A.L. should be associated.

14) National Flag & National Anthem to be approved by the W.C. - ?

15) Postage - After ?

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MR. RASHID

- 1) A/c of money from 1st Treasury and also Committee of Enquiry - 1) P.M.  
 2) Mr. Shamsul Hoq  
 3) Prof. Yusuf Ali  
 4) Mr. A. K. Khatib  
 5) Mr. A. K. Khatib
- 2) Further accommodation of youth and expansion of nation in view of Raulhan
- 3) Winter clothes either 4 days
- 4) W.C. meeting on first Sunday of every month

MR. AZIZUR RAHMAN AKKAS

- 1) Must stop mutual vilification amongst A.L.ers
- 2) LOR LOR etc get 75% pay — Civil employees class III & IV get full pay
- 3) Why A.L. office-bearers other than members of the Cabinet did not move?
- 4) Camps which receive only rice need money for other allied things for preparation of food
- 5) Muskens & Honlecks are sold in markets from Kalyani
- 6) Karingpar — Taxation officers?
- 7) Dr. As-habshahy — Gold and money of Khablia school
- 8) Akkas to be sent under arrest — Mr. Dema & Mr. Khablia = Enging and Action essential
- 9) Difference of ratios between NF & FF
- 10) Special Training for A.L. leaders to lead FF
- 11) Why A.L. could not be active for FF

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MR. PIRAHMED

- 1) Separate homes for eleven zones for 1000 ladies each

MR. MAUL HAD

- 1) Distribute all A.L. workers as given financial assistance. List to be prepared by the A.L. workers themselves who work in side.

- 2) Political Committee at all levels to guide the liberation war
- 3) What steps have been taken for increasing up war effort in winter?
- 4) Domination of bureaucracy.
- 5) Foreign aid in any form should be connected with the knowledge of Govt.
- 6) In certain sectors no more Reception Centres and youth camps would be opened
- 7) ALC of our funds with Govt to be paid
- 8) Attempts should be made to augment Govt. funds
- 9) BLF - BDF problem should be in a way solved and unified activities started.

MR. A. SAMAD

- 1) To prepare a plan to activate A.L. for consideration of the W.C.

MR. MUSARRAF HUSSAIN

not possible only 72 hours

- 1) Blood Bank at every sector
- 2) Ch. pahar Refugee Camp — better to work on account of its proximity with Govt.
- 3) Dr. Affahuddin placed A.L. — should be as A.L. & as Medical Officer
- 4) Free zone of Gussore — need help of medicine
- 5) Teachers Dept of Q. Juman area
- 6) Ayed Akhal BLF — arrested by Govt. W.C.
- 7) R.D.O. — P.M. Jaggan Rao 25/11/53

MR. AMUKIL

- 1) Seeds of discord - Mujib Baniar.  
4 leaders other than AL High command  
given authority to conduct liberation.
- 2) Consultative Committee - why?

MR. OR

- 1) Sector commander does not care for D. O.
- 2) Guerrilla leaders should be recruited by D.O.
- 3) Training of officers should be screened - Fresh recruited cadets should be screened.
- 4) Sector Commands no. 2 should be transferred.
- 5) There should be exemplary punishment of recalcitrant commanders.
- 6) Why Shawkat's resignation - why?

SK. AHZIZ

- 1) A Committee for preparing a report for adjoint meeting of the W.C.

MR. R. SERWATAT

- 1) To form a Committee to draw up a plan of work for the W.C.

MR. MOIZUDDIN

MR. RAZZIN BAHUVAN

- 1) No relief to the dependents of the Martyrs - why?
- 2) Relief should be channelled through the CAA
- 3) A Committee of (Chairman, Zonal Comd., Civil Affairs Officer and (2) Major

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AG. PRESIDENT  
S. N. ISLAM

\* To forge unity amongst all shades of opinion in Bangladesh as India did in view of the impending all out danger.

MR. MURULHAR

\* Accounting should be taken in respect of all collections by different agencies and missions, and when these come to office

\* Agricultural produce is junk tea etc - gate?

SHEKH ABDUL AZIZ

1) In view of imminent war H.C. should take clear decision. Cabinet should not be alone expected to take decision, as:

a) What would be the fate of the youths in 102 Respectable Champs

b) What the leaders of A.L. will instruct their workers to do!

2) Cabinet should not alone take the responsibility of the conduct of war, because nobody knows how long the liberation struggle will take.

3) No time limit should be announced to the average people and F.F. — prolongation casts a shadow of despair.

4) Bases should be formed inside of A.L. organization and F.F.

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K.M. GANDHUK RAMMAN

1) No allegation against Sector Commander No. 2 Seta in view of his casualty in operation.

2) Maj. Shambhat Ali resigned — (Action taken)

3) Maj. Jalel Sector Commander No. 9 — Instructions to contact S.L. workers in side Bangalore

4) Commander, Sector No. 8 — not known, but brought from Germany? and given charge including some portion of Sector No. 9 in place of Maj. Aman

MR. MIZANUR RAHMAN (HOSHURV)

1) Started for one hour. Comd. Sector No. 2 did not see in spite of prior intimation — At his investigation Juman questioned during address as to what A.L. did for them.

2) The troops did all mischief including rape as Juhya's forces did — Rape, Loot, Rape in Changanabailu

3) Laws governing the conduct of A.L. to be promulgated

4) Powers and functions of C.A.A. should be defined

- 5) Differential treatment with 'boys' by Kipling.
- 6) Capt. Stander's trainees — half of them did not give slogan in the name of A.L.
- 7) Lewis are collected mercilessly. — on complaint admission is obtained and loot ~~is~~ shared and everything — is hushed up.
- 8) Record of trainees and weapons given should be kept with political Command in addition to Sector Command.
- 9) Allowance should be paid through political Command.
- 10) Wives should be killed without A.L. political command's permission.
- 11) S.L. trainees, — our boys, should be taken up by A.L.
- 12) Hospital facilities in each sector.
- 13) Political Motivation.
- 14) Ex. service men in holding Camps should be given allowance.
- 15) To take note of the removal of Jwan upon report. We in our party to give the land we wish to give.
- 16) Provisional Constitution should be given.

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MR. A. HANNAN

- 1) CAA received written instructions as to their powers and functions and ~~the~~ these are being followed.
- 2) Regulars should not be indoctrinated to party policy and principle. — Irregulars should be so motivated.

- 3) BLF did not help second group of Naval Comandos, rather create hurdle.
- 4) BLF speaks ill of A.L. leaders.
- 5) Problem of medicine in Subroom area — Ambulance needed.
- 6) Camp-in-charge should get Rs 150/- should not be reduced to Rs. 50/-
- 7) A.L. leaders and workers should be trained for leadership in guerrilla warfare.
- 8) A.L. WC should meet monthly and sit at each Local H.Q. consecutively.

MR. N. I. MANJUR

- 1) Liberation Council upto Thana level — Party members will form the Council.

MR. AHMAD ZAMAN

Suggestions of the Subcommittee were placed before the H.C.

MR. A. MANNAN

- 1) No plan enunciated in the Subcommittee report — only "should be done" etc.
- 2) Lack of unified command in MP. — BLF has not been discussed. — Subcommittee has not said anything on this.
- 3) The UNITY existing upto 25th Karak/41 is absent today — is a bitter truth. — Unity in Cabinet is absent — only workers unity would not do.

- 4) Mind and mentality should be changed from the top to the bottom.
- 5) Ifc of Bangladesh money in individual's name — if no. in case of sudden death what would happen to public money?

SHEKH A AZIZ

- 1) Omissions have been committed in final typing of the report of the sub-committee.

MR. A. R. AKKAS

- 1) Office-bearers should first state as to why they could not do for what was expected of them — for the organization

MR. G. M. SARWAR

EMLA APAL

- 1) How two organizations were amalgamated?

MR. MATIUR RAHMAN

- 1) Report should be discussed point by point

\* MR. M. MANSOORALI \*

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DEPUTY M. MURSHED

- 1) After liberation problems like taking care of the non-Bengali population

DEPUTY B. AHMED

- 1) One lady, MA, LL.B, was not served by P.D. for her being a lady

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\* KH. M. AHMED \*

- 1) Minor points, in state of being raised in H.C., should have been pointed out to the committee concerned
- 2) Mr. M. Kam resigned — days before — or dismissed on charge of corruption

\* MR. A. H. MK. ZAMAN \*

MR. MATIUR RAHMAN

- 1) N.A.S. & M.P.A.S. were not A.L.
- 2) Agreement to A.L. workers should be made through a unified system

(डाक्टरदिनेर वजुतार मूल विवरणसभ)

Pattern of work in liberated zones

- 1) B.L.F. — Nathan, Mr. A. Siddiqui  
Rab, Subjahan Deroj,
- 2) Unity must be shown —
- 3) Sub. Committee —
- 4) Fin. office —
- 5) Character of org. —
- 6) Training — selective
- 7) Consultative Committee meeting
- 8) Winter Clothing — for orgs. of the FF's
- 9) Adm. and supplies in liberated zones
- 10) Lookups by N.P.
- 11) Money scandal
- 12) Development of foreign relations with USSR, France, Yugoslavia, etc.
- 13) Pataps.
- 14) Women Volunteer Training Centre — Sajida Choudry, Residence Director.
- 15) Relation development with India — why should I give wrong impression
- 16) Ek shio relation with N.P. since RT all Mandan — since M.P. — All parties supported
- 17) Formation of Zonal Council — delay in some places — Purpose —
- 18) How boys were questioned — what about N.P. boys.

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अथानवहीर जना शरीरु करु नेरिबन्धनार कटोकापिः  
(मूल मलिन बाँकरविहीन)

Ser No	Points	Suggested Action	Remarks
1.	<u>Recruitment</u>		
a.	Recruitment is being done in unco-ordinated manner resulting in poor quality of recruits, irregular distribution among the districts / Youth Camps.	1. Recruitment should be done by a Board headed by Sector Comds or his representative.	
b.	In 8 and 9 sectors, C sector does the recruitment directly through the Rehabilitation Directorate. As such own Rectg Officers are quite in dark about the successive requirements.	2. Actual ROs should be Govt appointed officials. Public representatives can be given the responsibility of "Screening" the recruits.	
c.	<u>Youth Camp</u> : Director/Assistant Directors are not given any forecast of recruitment schedule. As such they can not plan the distribution of 'Quota' to respective Youth Camps.		
d.	Some Recruiting Officers (NRAs/MPAs) due to pressure from the boys from own constituency have overlooked the over-all responsibility for the whole district/Sub-Division.		
e.	A tendency exists in public representatives and youths that all those who have crossed over are to be trained. This is neither possible nor desirable.		

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NO	Points	Suggested Action	Remarks
1.	<p><u>Training in Youth Camps/Youth Reception Camps.</u></p> <p>Various reports are coming about dacoity committed by armed bands raised in the Youth Reception Camps. In many cases they are being actively supported by political leaders (sector 7).</p>	<p>1. All arms trg must be stopped in these camps. Arms available in these camps should be taken over by the sector comds.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Raising of Subscriptions</u></p> <p>In sector 7 Mr. Azizur Rahman and Mr. Mehtab are accused of collecting subscriptions in the name of Mukti Fouz. They have even printed Receipt Books for the purpose.</p>	<p>1. Mr. Azizur Rahman, CAA sector number 7 needs to be replaced by some other MNA/MFA.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Pay of Student Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>No arrangement has been made to pay the students any pocket money.</p>		
4.	<p><u>Pay of old Govt Employees in Liberated Areas.</u> In Patgram area police and other Govt officials complained about non-receipt of pay.</p>		
5.	<p><u>Agartala Civil Hospital</u></p> <p>Amenities available at hospital are far less than the requirement. In the absence of any military Hospital, most of MF casualties are treated here. Separate Homes for disabled refugees and disabled MF/FFs need to be opened immediately. The food provided to the patients is absolutely inadequate.</p>	<p>1. Indian Govt may please be approached to improve the standard of this hospital.</p> <p>2. A separate organisation should be made to supplement food and medicines required for MF/FFs under treatment in this hospital.</p>	

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S/NO	Points	Suggested Action	Remarks
2.	<p><u>Motivating Officers</u></p> <p>At present there is no motivating officer in Panighata Training Camp and sector 6.</p>	<p>1. It is suggested that motivating officers are appointed by the Govt from educationists and dedicated political workers. Motivation before induction is most vital. Sectors and in some cases, sub-sectors should be provided with the motivating officers.</p> <p>2. Good public representatives should tour training camps in accordance with monthly programme.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Civil Affairs Advisers</u></p> <p>a. This scheme needs to be co-ordinated. At present there is no central set-up in the HQ to co-ordinate their functions. As such instructions cannot be passed to them in time</p> <p>b. In many cases, too many public representatives directly deal with the sector comds. This takes away much of time of comds</p>	<p>1. There should be one CAA posted at Mujibnagar and another at Echelon HQ. Agartala. CAAs should be given positive 'Proforma' for periodic reports. All representatives must convey their point of view through CAAs and not directly contact the sector comds.</p>	

Points	Suggested Action	Remarks
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9. Case-Works  
 This scheme is under dispute. There are points both in its favour and against.

A clear decision needs to be given in this respect. In no case they should be given any arms training.

10. Liaison with Local Political Leaders.  
 In Kuch Bihar and Jolpoiguri area it was reported that some local leaders are not very cooperative in our struggle. An Exclusive association with party leaders annoys the rival party leaders. <sup>of</sup> one party

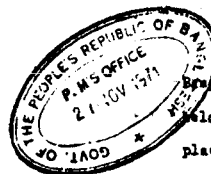
11. Feelings of Insecurity  
 At present rumours are being spread that members of BLF would work against the BDF and vice-versa. Such feelings also exist between the SL and leftist student organisations. In some cases, public leaders also feel that they would not be able to go home safely. This has caused feelings of insecurity in various groups. Such feeling is bound to result in private dumpings of arms and creation of personal strongholds.

12. Army Medical Service.  
 This needs to be separated from the Health Department. Medical assistance in the field can be provided better if an Independent Army Medical Corps is raised. This requires administrative knowledge of technical nature.

1. Senior most ex Pak Army doctors should be given the responsibility to organise this set up.

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SECRET  
 MOST URGENT



The problem of setting up civil administration in liberated Bangladesh was considered in details in the last meeting of the Cabinet held on November 21, 1971. On the basis of the discussion that took place and the decision taken in the Cabinet meeting I have circulated the minutes and decisions of the Cabinet on this particular issue for immediate implementation. The extracts as circulated are placed below for favour of the Prime Minister's kind perusal and approval.

U.O.No. 394/Cab.,  
 Dated November 27,  
 1971.

PRIME MINISTER

(H.T. Islam)  
 Cabinet Secretary,  
 27.11.71.

EXTRACTS TAKEN FROM THE MINUTES  
AND DECISIONS OF THE CABINET MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1971.

**SECRET**

MISCELLANEOUS - Civil Administration set-up in liberated Bangladesh.

The Acting President presided. The Prime Minister and all the Members of the Cabinet attended. The Cabinet Secretary was present. The following attended by special invitation:

1. C-in-C.
2. Mr. Fatah.
3. Secretary, Defence.

The problems in setting up civil administration in the liberated areas discussed. The following points were made:

- a) No piecemeal solution of the problems will have any effect. While trying to tackle these problems we must take up the entire gamut of civil administration.
- b) Law and order, rehabilitation, arrangement for food and other essential supplies, housing, essential services such as medical facilities etc. will pose problems of incalculable dimensions.
- c) Before drawing up plan we should also have the minimum data available to us.
- d) A technical paper on the basis of the guide-lines given by the Cabinet may be prepared by the Secretaries, who have direct knowledge and experience of the working of civil administration.

e) While establishing law and order the question of screening of collaborators will naturally come up. It is suggested by some people that the collaborators have been mostly forced to help the enemy in the interest of their very existence. It has been reported by the various agencies, both national and international, that the majority of the Government employees are Bangladesh supporters at heart and are, in fact, covertly helping the cause.

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- f) Very large purge of the Government employees may create an administrative vacuum which may be difficult to fill in. It may also create political problems.
- g) In spite of these problems where administrative vacuum is found to be inevitable some kind of arrangement has to be worked out. Political workers may also be utilised.
- h) Whatever the problems, the revolution must be carried forward to build the country.

DECISION

A Sub-Committee of the Secretaries, either directly concerned with the problems or having administrative expertise will be formed to examine the various facets of the problem of setting up civil administration in liberated Bangladesh, or maintaining law and order, arranging essential supplies and services.

providing food and accommodation to the temporarily uprooted people, arranging relief and rehabilitation for the displaced persons restoring normalcy and creating a sound base for not only a quick recovery of the economy, but for future development of the country on the lines of the principles already enunciated by the Government. The Sub-Committee will submit a comprehensive report containing their findings and recommendations to the Government as early as possible. Mr. A. Fatah will act as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, with the following as Members:

1. Secretary, Defence.
2. Secretary, Home.
3. Secretary, Cabinet.
4. Secretary, Finance.
5. Secretary, G.A.

More members may be co-opted, if necessary. The C-in-C, the Planning Cell and other functionaries of the Government will also be associated with the work of the Sub-Committee.

Sd/- ACTING PRESIDENT.

Memo. No. 221(8)/Cab. Dated: November 25, 1971.

Copy forwarded to: 1. the C-in-C,  
2. the Chairman, Planning Cell,  
3. Dr. Musharaf Hussain, Member, Planning,  
4. Mr. A. Fatah,  
5. Secretary, Defence/Home/Finance/G.A.

Sd/- H.T. Inan,  
Cabinet Secretary,  
25.11.71.

GOVT. OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION.

Memo No. Estbt. Dvn./ 3179(19)

Dated December 16, 1971.

From : M. Noorul Quader,  
Secretary, Establishment Division.

To : The Deputy Commissioner,  
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Subject: Immediate tasks for Deputy Commissioners.

1. The Civilian Administrators posted by the Bangladesh Government will face a tremendous task on assumption of their post. The entire administrative as well as economic structure has been shattered during the war with the enemy and these will have to be restored before development activities can start. On the positive side, there is a tremendous upsurge of public enthusiasm which should be properly tapped and channelled towards speedy reconstruction. The administrators must keep this in view and enlist active co-operation and support of elected representatives, the freedom fighters and all other sections of the people.
2. Amongst other tasks, the following should be given top-priority.

A) RESTORATION OF LAW AND ORDER:

During the course of liberation struggle, law and order machinery had broken down. The aim of the Govt. is to restore the Rule of Law as speedily as possible. For this, the magistracy and the police have to be put back in their proper position as the lawful authority for maintenance of Law and order. The Deputy Commissioners must take the following immediate steps:

- 1) Post magistrates in each thana and also see that the S.P. takes steps to adequately man the police stations.

## 11) Put an end to summary

execution of collaborators and criminals. For this, full support of elected representatives, political workers, freedom-fighters and the people in general will have to be enlisted. It will also be necessary to arrest collaborators as speedily as possible.

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B) RE-FUNCTIONING OF GOVT. OFFICES.

The Govt. has already made an announcement asking all employees to return to their posts. Except for those who openly collaborated with the enemy Govt. servants will be allowed to continue in their job subject to subsequent screening. The measures to be taken in this regard are enumerated below:

- 1) Announcements will be made locally asking all employees of Govts, Semis Govt. as well as private organisations to immediately return to their job. On return, they should intimate the fact of their re-joining to you.

- 1i) Employees, who openly collaborated with the enemy, shall be taken into custody. For this, you should exercise your judgement after consulting local people.
- 1ii) Appointments and postings wherever made by the Bangladesh Govt. supersede orders made by the occupation Govt. Incumbents of

posts which have been filled up by the Bangladesh Govt. shall continue to work. Persons appointed by the occupation Govt. against these posts will become Officers on Special Duty.

- iv) Employees who had left their posts but did not get employment under the Bangladesh Govt. have been asked to resume their previous posts. Appointments made to these posts by the occupation army stand cancelled. Such employees shall remain officers on Special Duty until further orders.
- v) Where appointments have been made by the Bangladesh Govt. to posts whose incumbents had left their jobs and abstained from serving the occupation Govt., the officers appointed by the Bangladesh Govt. shall assume charge

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of the office while the earlier incumbents shall join as officers on Special Duty.

C) RESTORATION OF ECONOMIC LIFE.

It is essential that normal economic activities are restored as speedily as possible. At the same time, a correct assessment of the assets and liabilities of Banks etc. and also of properties left by enemy nationals and collaborators would have to be made. It is immediately necessary to ensure that these properties are not looted or destroyed. The following action in this field are to be taken:

- 1) All treasuries and banks will cease to hold transactions with immediate effect pending issue of further instructions by the Govt.

Cash, gold, other valuable articles etc.etc. in the Treasuries and Banks should be verified, sealed and their safe custody ensured by posting of adequate guards in the premises. Verification Report should be sent to the Govt. without delay.

- ii) Industrial Establishments, factories, shops and other properties of the enemy nationals and absentee collaborators should also be sealed. Where conditions permit and the Dy. Commissioners so deem expedient, steps may be taken to run any of the above establishments by appointing suitable Administrators. In other cases, the employees should be asked to remain in readiness so that the establishments can be put to commission immediately on receipt of Govt. directives.

- iii) People will be encouraged to re-open all other factories and shops as quickly as possible. Hospitals, dispensaries, Municipal services, etc. should also be resumed forthwith.

- iv) Steps should be taken for providing irrigational facilities by use of Power Pumps, etc.

D) RESTORATION OF COMMUNICATION:

Restoration of communication is a matter of Top-most Priority. Without this, all other activities of the Govt. will suffer. Please take the following actions:

- 1) All telephones and telegraph services should be revived. Messenger and courier system has also to be used systematically. You should

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also try to take advantage of wireless sets of the armed forces whenever possible.

- ii) Road and Rail Communication has to be restored. For this, officials of these departments should be contacted and whatever action is possible taken. Also inform Govt. of your requirements in this regard.
- iii) Great emphasis should be laid on river communication.

E) RELIEF AND REHABILITATION:

Systematic supply of relief and rehabilitation of refugees and other displaced persons will be of paramount importance. Without this, restoration of normalcy will be difficult, if not impossible. Actions to be taken in this regard are as follows:

- i) Designate personnel at thana level to look after refugees and displaced persons.
- ii) Check position of foodgrains in Govt. godowns.
- iii) Appeal to people to maintain peace and order and to go back to their respective houses in an orderly manner.
- iv) Elaborate orders in this regard will be issued by Govt. soon. In the meantime, all possible assistance may be given as interim measures.

F) ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES:

There is likely to be shortage of food, kerosene, salt, sugar, mustard oil and many other items of essential supplies. Govt. is looking after this problem in a broad based manner. For the interim period, take the following actions;

- i) Make an assessment of the existing stock of these items and take measures for proper distribution.
- ii) Take measures to prevent hoarding and black-marketing.
- iii) Furnish your requirement to Govt. for the next three months.

Lastly, I would again emphasize the need for working in full co-operation with elected representatives, political workers, freedom-fighters and the public in general. The task before you is of tremendous magnitude and a concerted effort of all sections of the public is necessary to accomplish it.

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A preliminary report covering all aspects should be sent to Govt. at the earliest. Detailed report should follow soon after.

H. Noorul Quader

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Dated, December 16, 1971.

Copy to

1. Chairman, Board of Trade, Commerce & Industries
2. Chairman, Planning Cell.
3. Secretary.
4. Director General of Police.
5. Relief Commissioner.
6. Chief Engineer.
7. Special Officer-in-Charge, DRY Camps.
8. P.O. to President.
9. P.O. to Prime Minister.
10. P.O. to Minister-in-Charge.
11. A.S.G. to C.M.C.,  
for information.

Secretary,  
Establishment Division

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**Extracts from the Minutes and Decisions of the Cabinet Meeting**

held on December 13, 1971

**AGENDA NO. 2 : Trial of Collaborators.**

The Cabinet considered the summary on the subject "Trial of Collaborators" and after due deliberation decided as follows :

- (a) An announcement should be made forthwith to the effect that a machinery of justice is being established for the trial of collaborators and that pending trial all alleged collaborators should be protected and that private retribution must be prevented.
- (b) The recommendations contained in the summary on the subject "Trial of Collaborators", submitted by the Secretaries' Committee, were accepted as noted below :
  - (i) Tribunals will be formed for different categories of collaborators.
  - (ii) An announcement should be made through radio and other media of communication that local authorities under the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh have been authorised to arrange immediate arrest and safe custody of collaborators pending trial.
- (c) The subject "Trial of Collaborators" should be immediately examined in details by a Committee of Jurists and legal experts, who will advise the Government, particularly on the following matters :
  - (i) Whether new law should be drafted to give legal form to the recommendations made to the Cabinet by the Secretaries' Committee or this should be done within the framework of the existing law. If the law on the trial of collaborators is to be framed according to the existing law/laws, under the provisions of the Proclamation of Independence Order dated April 10, 1971 and the laws Continuance Order dated April 10, 1971, how should it be fitted therein.
  - (ii) Whether the offence of collaboration should be given precise definition or it is covered sufficiently by the existing law dealing with such crimes as waing war against the State, sedition, murder, loot, arson etc.
  - (iii) What should be the composition of the tribunals or Special Courts ?

(iv) What category of persons should be tried ?

(v) What other allied factors are to be considered and brought within the legal framework ?

(d) The Committee of Jurists and legal experts should be immediately constituted by the Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs and further necessary action should be taken by that Ministry. If necessary, the Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs may ask for the services of legal experts from the Government of India.

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