

Cabinet decisions  
of 14.11.71

All members present

- 1) No one except a member of the Cabinet or a person authorised by the Cabinet should establish contact with the Govt. of India or of a State, or any <sup>other</sup> Foreign Govt, or an organization of any kind, or an individual, or the Press, and any body who happens to be on the soil of India should pass incognito without disclosing his real identity.
- 2) Except when on duty assigned by the Cabinet no elected representatives of Bangla Desh, leaders of Awami League or other individual should cross the frontiers of Bangla Desh.
- 3) Dual legal tender should operate until the Govt. is in a position to replace the old Pak currency by the new currency of Bangla Desh. — Arrangements for minting Bangla Desh currency should be made while old Pak currency should be impressed with the stamp of the Govt. of Bangla Desh.
- 4) Interim National Bank of Pakistan will function as the State Bank of Bangla Desh.
- 5) Credit should be available from India and other friendly countries in order to meet the urgent and immediate requirement of the Govt. of Bangla Desh. The initial amount should be in the neighbourhood of 1,00,00,000/- Bangla Desh rupee.

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- 6) In order to meet the urgent requirement of the civil population immediate arrangements for supply of food grains, salt, kerosene, edible oil and match boxes should be made. The goods offices of the Govt. of India should be sought for transportation of these commodities up to the border wherefrom the Bangla Desh authorities should find supply line into the interior of Bangla Desh.
- 7) In order to ensure fair distribution of the essential commodities Rationing system should be introduced.
- 8) Supply of medicines, anti-epidemic vaccines, disinfectants and surgical requirements for the people of free zones should be ensured. Auxiliary hospitals along the borders across Bangla Desh frontiers ~~frontiers~~ should be established for treatment of injured fighting forces and the civilian population.
- 9) Leadership training and instructions should be imparted to (a) promising subordinate ranks of B.R. & E.P.R. (b) available ex-army ranks (c) good platoon commanders of Ansars and Mujahids (d) educated young men with political conviction including UOTC ~~trained ranks~~. Short course leadership training for immediate operational assignment should be separately phased out.
- 10) Training centres should be set up along the borders at safe places as far as practicable easily accessible to the intending trainees.

*For Peace*