

# STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED

## Several leaders arrested

## C.M. warns against call for bandh

## Security in peril, says P.M.

NEW DELHI, June 26. THE President, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad, declared a state of emergency this morning on account of threat to the "security of the country due to internal disturbances."

A number of arrests have been made.

The Prime Minister, Mrs. Gandhi, in a broadcast to the nation referred to the incitements to the military and police by "certain persons" and their "provoked programme of action" to disrupt normal functioning to justify the emergency. She, however, said there was "no need to panic."

Mrs. Gandhi said "the nation's integrity demands firm action."

Though the Prime Minister herself did not name the persons inciting the armed forces and the police, Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, at a meeting here, last night repeated statements he has been making earlier, asking "the army, police and government employees not to obey any order they consider illegal."

Mr. Narayan had also challenged the home minister to prosecute him for this.

The emergency, declared today has to be lifted before the first house of Parliament, and will cease to have effect after two months, unless approved by resolutions of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

**ACTION UNDER MISA**

The President's proclamation followed steps in which Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Mr. Mohan Dhan and other prominent non-CPI opposition leaders were rounded up under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act.

The police arrested the leaders in the early hours of this morning. The arrested included Mr. Chandra Shekhar, a member of the Congress working committee, and Mr. Ram Dhan, secretary of the Congress parliamentary party. Both of them are known to be supporters of Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan.

Those picked up in the early hours also include Mr. Chavan Singh, Mr. Raj Narain, Mr. Samar Gaha and Mr. Pilloo Mehta.

Earlier, the police had arrested the

editor of the local Jana Sangh English daily, "Motherland", Mr. K.R. Malkani.

Mr. Asoka Mehta, president of Congress (O), has also been arrested.

Mr. L. K. Advani, Jana Sangh president, Mr. Vasudeo, Jana Sangh leader, and Mr. S. N. Mishra, leader of the Congress (O) in Parliament, were all arrested this morning at Bangalore in their rooms at the MISA hostel here where they had been staying.

The proclamation of the emergency followed an early morning meeting of the cabinet in which a recommendation to the President for this purpose was approved.

In an unscheduled broadcast to the nation at 8 a.m., the Prime Minister, Mrs. Gandhi, referred to a "widespread conspiracy" and attempts "to destroy democracy in the name of saving it" and to "incite" the police and armed forces.

Mrs. Gandhi said the fact that the Indian defence forces were "strong, disciplined and patriotic and would not be taken in, did not take away from the seriousness of the situation."

"It is our firm duty to safeguard the unity and stability at a

time when a programme of disruption has been drawn up to challenge law and order throughout the country."

She hoped the internal conditions would speedily improve to dispense with the emergency and assured the people that the emergency would not affect the lives of law-abiding citizens.

The Prime Minister said that ever since she had started a programme for the welfare of the poor there had been an aspiration against her. Whether she was the Prime Minister or not was not important, but the way the institution of the Prime Minister was being degraded and weakened was a serious matter.

Mrs. Gandhi said that important economic measures were under the consideration of the government and would be announced soon.

The following is the text of the proclamation issued by the President today: "In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 352 of the Constitution, I, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad, President of India, by this proclamation declare that a grave emergency exists whereby the security of India is threatened by internal disturbances."

—P.T.I. & U.N.I.

NEW DELHI, June 26. THE Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, said in an unscheduled broadcast to the nation this morning that the proclamation of emergency was to meet "the threat to internal stability."

She spoke of "certain persons" inciting our armed forces to mutiny and our police to rebel, and said that the fact that "our defence forces and the police are disciplined and deeply patriotic and, therefore, will not be taken in, does not mitigate the seriousness of the provocation."

No government worth the name could stand by and allow the country's stability to be imperilled when forces of disintegration were "in full play" and communal passions were being aroused, threatening the country's unity.

Mrs. Gandhi's broadcast came immediately after the proclamation of a state of emergency by the President, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmad, and the President's warning by the police to round up Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Mr. Mohan Dhan and several prominent non-CPI opposition leaders.

**"DEEP CONSPIRACY"**

Mrs. Gandhi said the proclamation was "nothing to panic about" and that it would in no way affect the rights of law-abiding citizens.

The Prime Minister referred to "the deep and widespread conspiracy" brewing since she began introducing "certain progressive measures of benefit to the common man and woman of India," and said agitators had "surgaged the atmosphere leading to violent incidents."

Mrs. Gandhi said the government had now learnt of "new programmes" and "new tactics" being used throughout the country with a view to disrupting normal functioning. Any situation

**Pre-censorship imposed**

NEW DELHI, June 26: The government has imposed pre-censorship and all items relating to internal development will have to be passed by the censor—U.N.I.

**Meetings banned in Delhi**

NEW DELHI, June 26: The district magistrate, Mr. Sushil Kumar, today promulgated an order under section 144 Cr. P. C. prohibiting any public meeting, demonstration, assembly of five or more persons and carrying of fire-arms, banners, placards, lathies and the like in the capital.

The order will remain in force for two months.

The Lt.-Governor has issued instructions to the police to strictly deal with any breach of the prohibitory order and take "all necessary and effective measures to maintain law and order at any cost"—U.N.I.

**Life in Delhi normal**

NEW DELHI, June 26: Life in the capital city of Delhi was normal today. People were returning for duty in their respective places of work and all essential services like water, power and transport were being maintained at the normal level. Attendance in government offices was normal and shops and other business centres in the city were open as usual—P.T.I.

**Alertness & vigilance being maintained**

NEW DELHI, June 26: All India Radio, in a special bulletin at 10 this morning, said that constant alertness and vigilance was being maintained.

It added that the law and order machinery would ensure that peace was not disturbed or jeopardized and that the normal functioning of life of the country was maintained—P.T.I.

**Steps to protect vital installations**

JAIPUR, June 26: Protection of vital installations is among the precautionary measures taken by the Rajasthan government following the proclamation of the emergency.

The home commissioner, Mr. Ram Singh, told newsmen here today that instructions had been issued to district collectors to take measures to maintain law and order and to protect vital installations—P.T.I.

**Jabalpur: Prohibitory orders were promulgated on Wednesday in Jabalpur district for a week—U.N.I.**

**Rights suspended**

NEW DELHI, June 26: The citizens' fundamental rights under article 19 of the constitution would remain suspended during the operation of the new emergency promulgated today.

These rights are already under suspension as a result of the emergency proclaimed in 1971 to tackle the threat of external aggression. Recently, in the case of smugglers, article 14 conferring "equality before law" was suspended.

Under the category known as "right to freedom", article 19 confers the following rights on citizens.

It reads: (1) All citizens shall have the right—(A) to freedom of speech and expression, (B) to assemble peacefully and without arms, (C) to form societies or unions, (D) to move freely throughout the territory of India, (E) to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India, (F) to acquire, hold and dispose of property, and (G) to practice any profession, or to carry on any occupation, trade or business.

Circumstances under which these rights might be curtailed are detailed in provisions to the article—U.N.I.

**Be vigilant, states told**

NEW DELHI, June 26: The Centre has asked all the state governments and Union territory administrations to make full use of the powers under the Defence of India Act and rules to maintain law and order in the country.

The states and Union territories have been asked to ensure that the normal functioning of the government and the life of the people were not jeopardized by anti-social and disruptive elements—U.N.I.

**Peace plea by state govt.**

The Maharashtra cabinet has welcomed the proclamation of emergency by the President.

The meeting of the cabinet was held immediately after the emergency was declared. It decided to appeal to the people to co-operate with the government in maintaining peace and security in the state.

The following is the text of the appeal issued by the cabinet:

"The state cabinet welcomes the proclamation of emergency, issued by the President, and is firmly of the opinion that there is no other alternative left for the stability and security of the country were to be safeguarded. The persistent incitement by certain elements to the armed forces for mutiny and to the police for rebellion could not be ignored by any democratic government, nor could it allow the position of the Chief Justice of India and the office of the Prime Minister of India to be publicly demagogued."

The state cabinet appeals to the people to co-operate with the government in maintaining peace and security in the state and to assist the government in defeating the anti-democratic and fascist forces trying to make India a bastion of right reaction and left adventurism."

**Blow to rightist plot: Moscow**

MOSCOW, June 26: Under a headline "Blow to rightist plot," the Soviet government organ "Izvestia," today published excerpts from Mrs. Indira Gandhi's speech dealing with the state of emergency declared in India.

There was no commentary—A.P.

**Brahmaputra water level falls**

GAUHATI, June 26: The Brahmaputra has recorded a fall in the water level.

Official reports described the overall flood situation as "good" but said the Brahmaputra had breached some banks in the river island of Majuli in Sibsagar district flooding large areas—U.N.I.

**Domestic power curbs go**

By A Staff Reporter

The government of Maharashtra announced on Thursday a major reduction in power cut with immediate effect.

Industrial units will have only a marginal cut of 12 to 15 per cent in their consumption, while there will be no curbs on domestic consumers.

There are announced by the chief minister, Mr. S. B. Chavan, to the news.

The cut in the consumption of energy, imposed three during the last eight months, ranged from 54 to 58 per cent, depending upon the nature of industries.

He said the marginal cut of 12 to 15 per cent will continue till the thermal power stations completed their annual repairs work.

Mr. Chavan said there had been a "good rainfall in the catchment areas of hydro power stations in the past few days. This had enabled increased generation of power."

**Karnataka bid to reduce cut**

BANGALORE, June 26: The power cut on high voltage consumers in Karnataka would be reduced from the current 40 per cent to 25 per cent with effect from July 1, Mr. H. C. Sekharam, minister of state for power, announced here today.

Mr. Sekharam told pressmen the decision to reduce the cut was taken in view of the improvement in the storage level of the Linganamakki reservoir, feeding the Sharavathi hydro power.

The present ten per cent cut on "electro-thermal" (domestic), "low voltage" consumers and other "small industrial" consumers would, however, continue.

The power cut on all consumers was allowed to remain—P.T.I.

**THIEF IN TEMPLE:** The manager of Daarakshetra temple, I. P. Singh, and another person named Rankhan, have been arrested in connection with the theft committed in the Mathura temple on Monday.

**Situation peaceful**

NEW DELHI, June 26: The general situation all over the country following the proclamation of emergency this morning is peaceful. Dr. A. R. Biju, principal information officer of the government of India, told newsmen tonight.

Giving to newsmen a "round-up" of the situation till 6 p.m. today, Dr. Biju said 676 had been arrested: 480 in Madhya Pradesh, 50 in Delhi, 49 in Punjab, 43 in Haryana, 24 in Bihar, 12 in Rajasthan, four in Karnataka and two each in U.P. and Andhra Pradesh.

He said that in Bihar, non-CPI opposition parties gave a call for Bihar bandh which, however, failed to materialise.

In Ahmedabad city, there were a few cases of hoodlums, incidents of stone-throwing at city buses, and putting of road blocks. The police fired teargas shells at two places to disperse unruly crowds, he said.

Dr. Biju said that at Mehsana, also in Gujarat, the Jana Sangh took out a procession. Following the exhibition, there was a bandh in the town. There were two minor cases of arson. In Haryana, there was a partial hartal at Karnal.

A partial hartal was observed in some parts of Bombay city. At Poona, a "morcha" of about 1,000 people was taken out. They threw stones on buses, causing dislocation of bus services.

At Trivandrum, a small group of about 75 people demonstrated in front of Raj Bhavan. Some students belonging to one of the students' unions of the university college, Trivandrum, boycotted classes.

About West Bengal, Dr. Biju said: "The general situation so far is peaceful."

He said the difference between the

**People ignore bandh call**

PATNA, June 26. THE 12-hour flash Patna bandh called by the Bihar Chhatra and Jana Sangharsh samitis "flopped totally" as people ignored it completely, the chief minister, Mr. Jagannath Mishra, said here today.

Talking to newsmen he said life throughout the state was "more than normal."

He said the people who had suffered a lot on account of the so-called J.P. led movement during the past one year today heaved a sigh of relief following the appropriate steps taken by Mr. Indira Gandhi.

Newsmen who found different parts of the state capital found no impact of the bandh call on normal life. All shops, hotels, government offices, educational institutions, public and private transport system functioned normally—U.N.I.

**Chandra Shekhar is suspended**

NEW DELHI, June 26: The Congress president, Mr. D. K. Borooah, has suspended the Young Turk, Mr. Chandra Shekhar, and five other dissident Congressmen from party membership.

They are: Mr. Mohan Dhan, Mr. Ram Dhan, Mrs. T. Lakshmi, Mr. S. N. Mishra and Mr. Krishan Kant.

All these partymen had boycotted the two meetings of the Congress parliamentary party on June 18 and Tuesday, which reaffirmed faith in Mrs. Gandhi's leadership and requested her to continue as Prime Minister—U.N.I.

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## Consortium may give India \$ 1,000 million

PARIS, June 26. THE aid India consortium meeting opened today amidst reliable indications that the consortium's pledges of new aid for the next year to help promote India's economic development would total around a 1,000 million dollars.

This together with 670 million dollars from last year's assistance in the pipeline would bring approximate World Bank's estimate of 1,700 million dollars India would require to sustain its economic development.

Heads of delegations of the consortium countries yesterday met under the chairmanship of Mr. William Diamond of the World Bank and discussed India's economic development problems in the light of the World Bank's report and its commitments at next year. Last night Mr. Diamond had informal consultations with the Indian delegation led by Mr. M. C. Kaul.

At this morning's opening session after Mr. Diamond's preliminary remarks, Mr. Kaul made a survey of India's economic scene. He is understood to have told the consortium that India which had successfully brought down inflationary level from 21 per cent to 17.5 per cent, was now poised for the economic growth. He also listed achievements in various key sectors of agriculture and in-

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