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### Press Assails Vote to Have Two State Languages

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KARACHI, Pakistan, May 20—  
In a nation-wide strike today, all English language newspapers and the majority of vernacular dailies emphasized the growing public opposition in West Pakistan to the Government's recent decision to have two state languages.

On April 7 the Constituent Assembly bowed to a demand of East Pakistanis and raised their tongue, Bengali, to a state language along with Urdu, which is spoken in the western zone.

Since a demonstration here April 22 by 20,000 advocates of Urdu, editorials have appeared almost daily demanding that the Government comply with the declaration of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, founder of Pakistan, that Urdu would be the only state language.

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