



## Pak Education Minister leaves for home

Pakistan Education Minister Mr. Mohammad Ali Khan left Dacca for home on Friday on conclusion of a four-day goodwill mission to Bangladesh with the hope that similar visits by leaders from his country would follow, reports ESS.

Mr. Khan, who led a four-member delegation told newsmen at the Airport prior to departure that the visit had enabled him and the members of the entourage to know the government activities in the country. Speaking high of the initiative and drive of the Bangladesh' leaders under President Ziaur Rahman Mr. Khan observed "internally you are doing very well."

The Pakistan Minister said Bangladesh was playing an important role not only in the United Nations but also in Non-Aligned Movement and the Islamic Secretariat. Praising Bangladesh's role in sponsoring the last Foreign Ministers' conference of the Islamic countries to condemn Soviet aggression in Afghanistan Mr. Khan expressed the hope that in the "coming conference, Bangladesh would play the leading role." The next conference of the Foreign Ministers of Islamic countries begins at Islamabad from May 16.

Mr. Khan during his stay in Dacca called on President Ziaur Rahman and conferred with a number of Ministers on various issues of bilateral interest. He praised the canal digging programme for doubling food production and added "you are attempting to make a breakthrough in literacy programme as well."

Replying to a question he said discussions are taking place between two countries to expedite the implementation of cultural agreement signed in October last year.

Home Minister Lt Col (Retd) Mustafizur Rahman bade the Pakistani Minister farewell.

Pakistan Education Minister Mr Mohammad Ali Khan being seen off by Mr A. S. M. Mustafizur Rahman, Minister for Home Affairs, at Dacca Airport on conclusion of a four-day goodwill mission to Bangladesh on Friday. —Photo PID