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26 April 1963

My dear Mr. Ambassador,

On the eve of the repatriation of the Pakistan contingent which has served so well the United Nations in West New Guinea, I would like you to transmit the attached communication to the Government of Pakistan, as well as a copy of my message to the United Nations Force Commander General Said Uddin Khan.

Yours sincerely,

U Thant

His Excellency Muhammad Zafrulla Khan
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the
United Nations
8 East 65th Street
New York, N. Y.

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Press Release M/1476
17 April 1963

OVERPRINTED STAMPS ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE
ROLE OF PAKISTAN CONTINGENT IN WEST IRIAN

Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, this morning presented to Secretary-General U Thant an overprinted stamp issued by his country to commemorate the role of the Pakistan contingent in West Irian.

At the brief ceremony that took place at the Secretary-General's office at 11 a.m., Mr. Zafrulla Khan said it was "indeed a signal honour for Pakistan to assist the United Nations in administering West Irian as a sovereign power for the first time in its history".

The stamp issued on 15 February 1963 shows a view of the Shalimar Garden, in Lahore, with an overprint that reads "UN Force W. Irian".

The Pakistan contingent, which forms the major portion of the Security Force -- 1531 out of 1592 -- also includes a naval element which is the first United Nations Navy on active operational service in any part of the world. The Pakistan contingent is a self-contained force having its own signals, engineers, ordinance, electrical and mechanical engineers, supplies and postal unit.

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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Permanent Mission's note No. 267-S/63 regarding the decision of the Government of Pakistan to grant Brigadier Saiduddin Khan the rank of Major General for the duration of his appointment as Commander of the United Nations Security Force in West New Guinea (West Irian).

9 April 1963

8 April 1963

Dear Sir Zafrulla,

With reference to your letter of 1 April 1963, I am pleased to inform you that I have no objection to the Pakistan contingent in West New Guinea (West Irian) accepting the invitation from the Indonesian Government to visit Djakarta on their way back to Pakistan. We have also been in touch with Major General Saiduddin Khan on this subject.

In this connexion, may I reiterate my appreciation of the splendid performance of the Pakistan contingent in West New Guinea (West Irian) ?

Yours sincerely,

U Thant

His Excellency
Muhammad Zafrulla Khan
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Pakistan
to the United Nations
Pakistan House
8 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

cc: Dr. Abdoh
Major General Khan
Permanent Mission



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PAKISTAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

PAKISTAN HOUSE
8 EAST 65TH STREET
NEW YORK 21, N.Y.

No. 267-S/63.

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April 5, 1963.

The Permanent Representative of Pakistan presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to advise that the Government of Pakistan has been pleased to grant Brig. Saiduddin Khan, COMD PAK INF BN GP the rank of Major General with immediate effect for the duration he holds his present appointment.



The Secretary-General,
United Nations,
New York.



PAKISTAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

287-S/63

April 1st, 1963

My dear Secretary-General,

I mentioned to you this afternoon that the Indonesian Army Chief has invited the Pakistan contingent in West Irian to visit Djakarta on their way back to Pakistan. The movement of the contingent begins on April 15th.

You very kindly indicated that you will check-up with your Advisers and let me know whether there would be any objection to the acceptance of the invitation of the Indonesian Army Chief.

I am submitting this letter to you for your record. I have no doubt that you will let me know as early as you can whether the Government of Pakistan might accept the invitation.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency U Thant,
Secretary-General,
United Nations,
New York 17

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United Nations,
New York 17

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With the conclusion of the mission entrusted to the Pakistan contingent in West New Guinea (West Irian), and the impending repatriation of its officers and men, the Secretary-General of the United Nations would like to express to the Government of Pakistan his appreciation for the outstanding manner in which they have discharged their duties. They have greatly contributed to the overall success of the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority in West New Guinea (West Irian).

The Secretary-General would like to thank the Government of Pakistan for this prompt and timely assistance in providing the bulk of the United Nations Security Force, whose excellent conduct and service have made an historic contribution to peace and security in this area.

26 March 1963

12 December 1962

Note concerning the welfare of Pakistani
troops in West New Guinea (West Irian)

The concern expressed by the Pakistan Mission in the attached papers with regard to the welfare of Pakistani troops in West New Guinea (West Irian) no longer seems to have any justification.

1. In the note verbale of 4 December 1962 the Pakistan Mission refers to a news item from Australia which describes "the plight of the Pakistani troops in West New Guinea". However, Mr. McCaw, who has just returned from the territory, states that he did not hear, during his three-week stay, any complaint from Pakistan headquarters, with which he was in daily contact.

The regular supply of the Pakistani troops is made by air from Australia. This is not due to any emergency situation but to the fact that air transport is more advantageous. A further enquiry is being made by Field Service to ensure that all arrangements have been made for the regular supply of the contingent to the end of the UNTEA period.

2. Leave camp. It has not been possible for the UNTEA to organize a leave camp for the contingent. However, the Indonesian Army has agreed to provide free transportation to Indonesia and back for officers taking their leave. The UNTEA itself will pay \$3.00 per day for leave which will not have been taken by the end of UNTEA administration.

3. Allowances to officers. During his visit to Hollandia, Mr. McCaw reached an agreement with Pakistan headquarters on the various allowances to be granted to officers. It is understood that this question has been settled to the complete satisfaction of Brigadier Said and his officers.

cc - Secretary-General ✓
Sir Zafrulla Khan
Mr. Rolz-Bennett
Col. Niazi
Mr. Dangeard/Mr. Sivasankar

New York, 7 November 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2 November 1962 in which you inform me that the Government of Pakistan would be favourably inclined to consider any request for a frigate or a destroyer for service with United Nations security forces in West New Guinea (West Irian).

The possible need of a naval craft for West New Guinea (West Irian) is still under consideration and no decision has been reached yet. Should any such need arise, I will bear in mind the Pakistani Government's readiness to consider any request that I may wish to make, as expressed in the above-mentioned letter.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration

U Thant
Acting Secretary-General

His Excellency
Mr. Muhammad Zafrulla Khan
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Pakistan
to the United Nations
Pakistan House
8 East 65th Street
New York 21, New York

CVN/pbg

11 October 1962

My dear Ambassador,

Thank you for your letter 267-S/62 of 9 October 1962 regarding the visit of General Musa, Commander-in-Chief of Pakistan, to Indonesia. It is perfectly all right for General Musa to go on to West Irian and to meet the Pakistani troops there. I agree with you that it would be a good thing, if the Commander-in-Chief could visit West Irian and meet the troops there.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Secretary-General

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cc: Miss Platz

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Press Release WNG/20
19 September 1962

ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL CONGRATULATES PAKISTAN
COMMANDER IN WEST NEW GUINEA (WEST IRIAN)

The following is the text of the cable sent by Acting Secretary-General U Thant to Brigadier General Said-Uddin Khan, Pakistan Commander of the UN Security Force in West New Guinea (West Irian), and all ranks:

I am pleased to learn of the arrival in West New Guinea (West Irian) of the advance element of the Pakistan contingent, consisting of 327 officers and men. The speed with which your troops, as also detachments of the United States and Royal Canadian air forces, who have already been in the territory since the first week of September, moved into West New Guinea (West Irian) deserves the highest praise and is an indication of your alertness and high state of professional efficiency.

I am confident that with these troops and air transport units of such high quality, the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority will be fully competent to discharge its responsibility for the maintenance of law and order after 1 October 1962. The arrival of the main body of this force, including a naval component, early in October, will further facilitate your task. Your main duty is to supplement the existing Papuan police and the Papuan Volunteer Corps in the task of maintaining law and order.

"I wish to assure the safety of all the people, Papuan and non-Papuan, in the territory. I am sure you will make every preparation to ensure that life and property is secure and that peace prevails throughout West New Guinea (West Irian).

I extend my warm greetings to all ranks of the United Nations Security Force and welcome you all to the United Nations family whose purpose is to serve mankind and the cause of peace.

U Thant

Acting Secretary-General.

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Press Release WNG/17
17 September 1962

ADVANCE PAKISTAN FORCE LEAVES KARACHI FOR WEST NEW GUINEA (WEST IRIAN)

(The following was received from the UN Information office in Karachi, Pakistan.)

The first party of Pakistan troops of the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority (UNTEA), consisting of 13 officers and 68 other ranks, left for West New Guinea (West Irian) by chartered plane from Karachi airport on 15 September.

The party, comprising engineers, infantry, medical, supply and transport elements, is the nucleus of the United Nations Security Force (UNSF), being raised in accordance with the bilateral agreement between the Netherlands and Indonesia to aid the UNTEA in West New Guinea (West Irian).

The advance party, on reaching Bangkok, transferred to smaller planes for Biak.

Nearly 250 more troops are to be flown from Pakistan to West Irian to enable them to take over duties by the stipulated date, 1 October. The bulk of the force is sailing on 18 September, by the 19,000-ton Pan-Islamic steamer "Safina-I-Hujjaj".

The Pakistan Army Chief, General Mohammad Musa, arrived in Karachi to meet the rest of the troops proceeding to West New Guinea (West Irian). Pakistan's Chief of the Navy, Vice Admiral A.R. Khan, also visited Pakistan naval personnel assigned to West New Guinea (West Irian).

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The Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Permanent Representative's Note dated 27 August 1962, confirming his oral communication to the Acting Secretary-General made on 24 August, that the Government of Pakistan has agreed to provide a force consisting of an infantry battalion and essential arms and services with a total strength of about one thousand men, to serve in West New Guinea (West Irian) during the period of administration of that Territory by the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority (UNTEA).

The Acting Secretary-General is most grateful for the prompt and timely assistance accorded to the United Nations by the Government of Pakistan to enable the Secretary-General to carry out his responsibilities under Article VII of the Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning West New Guinea (West Irian). This Article, inter alia, lays down that the Secretary-General will provide the UNTEA with United Nations security forces to primarily supplement existing Papuan (West Irianese) police in the task of maintaining law and order. The total security force will be under the authority of the United Nations Administrator as head of the UNTEA.

The Acting Secretary-General would much appreciate it if his grateful thanks could be conveyed to the Government of Pakistan for this further indication of its active interest in, and co-operation with, the United Nations.

As agreed between the Permanent Representative of Pakistan and Acting Secretary-General, a Pakistan liaison officer with the rank

of lieutenant-colonel will be appointed at United Nations Headquarters to assist in co-ordinating matters pertaining to the security force.

It is the intention of the Acting Secretary-General to consult as necessary with the Government of Pakistan regarding the transport of the troops to West New Guinea (West Irian), and the details relating thereto. The Government will be kept fully informed of all matters of interest to it concerning the participation of its armed forces in the United Nations security force in West New Guinea (West Irian).

The Acting Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representative of Pakistan the assurances of his highest consideration.

4 September 1962

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Press Release WNG/10
30 August 1962

PAKISTAN AGREES TO PROVIDE 1,000 MEN FOR DUTY

AS UN SECURITY FORCE IN WEST NEW GUINEA (WEST IRIAN)

Names Commander for Force Provided for in Indonesian-Netherlands Agreement

The Government of Pakistan has informed Acting Secretary-General U Thant that it has agreed to his request to provide a force of about 1,000 men for duty as a United Nations Security Force in West New Guinea (West Irian).

In a communication to the Secretary-General, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, said that his government would provide an infantry battalion and essential arms and services, with a total strength of about 1,000.

Establishment of a United Nations Security Force for West New Guinea (West Irian) is provided for in the Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which was signed by representatives of the two countries on 15 August at United Nations Headquarters.

The Agreement, which contemplates the transfer of authority for the territory from the Netherlands first to a United Nations Temporary Executive Authority (UNTEA) and then to Indonesia, and calls for self-determination of the inhabitants by 1969, still has to be ratified by Indonesia and the Netherlands.

Further, the Agreement itself will not come into effect until the General Assembly, at its forthcoming seventeenth session, formally adopts a resolution approving the role of the United Nations concerning the territory.

The Pakistan Government has also informed the Secretary-General that Brigadier Saiduddin of the Pakistan Armed Forces will be appointed Commander of the Force which will be designated as the United Nations Security Force (UNSF) in West New Guinea (West Irian).

Brigadier Saiduddin is expected to leave Pakistan on 31 August for Hollandia, where he will confer with Brigadier Indarjit Rikhye, Military Adviser to the Secretary-General who heads the United Nations Military Observer Team in the territory. The Observer Team has been supervising the cessation of hostilities in West New Guinea (West Irian).

Brigadier Saiduddin will be accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp, Major Muzaffar Khan Malik.

In addition, Pakistan has appointed a liaison officer for the Pakistani Force, who will be stationed at United Nations Headquarters. He is Lt. Col. Shirin Dil Khan Niaz, who is expected to go to Hollandia on 5 September, before coming to New York.

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27 August 1962

Dear Mr. Polderman,

I wish to inform you that on Friday 24 August the Permanent Representative of Pakistan called on the Acting Secretary-General to advise him of his Government's decision to provide a United Nations security force for West New Guinea in response to the request contained in the Acting Secretary-General's communication dated 17 August 1962.

Preliminary discussions have been initiated with the Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations in order to work out the details concerning the security force for West New Guinea and its transportation to the territory at the appropriate time.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Narasimhan
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Jan Polderman
Deputy Permanent Representative of the
Netherlands to the United Nations
711 Third Avenue, 18th floor
New York 17, N. Y.

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The Acting Secretary-General requests that a Brigadier be appointed in command of this force in view of his responsibilities and further requests that the Force Commander, together with his advance group, should arrive in Hollandia, West New Guinea (West Irian) as soon as possible. Upon arrival they should report to Brigadier Rikhye, Military Adviser to the Secretary-General, for further instructions.

A United Nations Military Observer team, under a Swedish Lieutenant Colonel, is expected to be formed early next week and will operate up to 1 October 1962. The Force Commander, on his arrival in the territory, will be over-all in charge of their operations.

The Netherlands-Indonesian Agreement provides for a group of Liaison Officers from the Netherlands, Indonesia and the United Nations. The Acting Secretary-General therefore requests the Government of Pakistan to also provide 3 Liaison Officers, including a Lieutenant Colonel, who should also be sent to Hollandia, West New Guinea (West Irian) as soon as possible and

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