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"Members of the minority community should have no hesitation in returning to their homes in East Pakistan. They will be given full protection and every facility as they are equal citizens of Pakistan and there is no question of any discriminatory treatment" said President Yahya Khan in a statement broadcast nation wide on the Pakistan Radio on June 18.

Referring to his earlier appeals launched May 21, and May 24, asking displaced persons to return home the President said, "My appeal was addressed to all Pakistani nationals irrespective of caste, creed or religion".

The following is the full text of the President's broadcast:

"On May 21, I issued a personal message to all Pakistan nationals who had, due to various reasons, gone to India to return to their homes in East Pakistan and resume their normal activities. In my press conference in Karachi on May 24, I reiterated my earlier statement and assured displaced persons that the necessary assistance would be provided to them for their return and resettlement. It is gratifying to note that despite hindrances put by interested parties, many Pakistanis have returned and are now on the way to their respective homes. I am certain many more will follow them. As I said before, there is no question of withholding permission to return from our own citizens. In fact ~~East Pakistan Government~~ has made adequate arrangements to receive them and to extend full assistance in their rehabilitation. My appeal was addressed to all Pakistani nationals irrespective of caste, creed or religion. Members of the minority community should have no hesitation in returning to their homes in East Pakistan. They will be given full protection and every facility as they are equal citizens of Pakistan and there is no question of any discriminatory treatment. I urge them not to be misled by mischievous propaganda being conducted from outside Pakistan."