

not like their being ambushed and all that. It is not war, whatever else it may be. But there it is. The UN authorities also do not like it; there is no doubt about it. It may be, as the hon. Member says, that the UN authorities have in the past been not very swift in taking action. It is because it is a very complicated authority, emanating from New York and coming through various other sources. But now, so far as the resolution of the UN Security Council is concerned, they have got a much clearer authority.

In reply to the other hon. Member, may I say that our information is that the body of the Gurkha driver was found in a bush and in fact from the American consulate, the people there heard the shot being fired; they did not see it. They presumed that that shot hit the driver. The body was removed and later put in a bush, covered with tarpaulin or something. Mr. Tshombe is not there, so far as I know, but one of his Ministers, Mr. Munungo, was there. It was he who produced Mr. Urquhart and who had undertaken to go in search of Major Ajit Singh.

Mr. Speaker: In view of the statements made, I do not think it is necessary to adjourn the House to allow this discussion.

An Hon. Member: What about Shri Braj Raj Singh's suggestion?

Mr. Speaker: That will be taken note of.

REPORTED MISSING OF PORTUGUESE
TROOPS ON GOA BORDER

Mr. Speaker: There are notices of three adjournment motions, all relating to the same matter. I shall read the first one:

"Reported massing of Portuguese Troops and army on Goa border as evidenced by:

1. Deploying of 2,500 Portuguese Troops on Goa border.

2. 750 Portuguese Troops at Mazali border.
3. About 3,000 white Portuguese soliders landed in Goa.
4. Naval craft stationed near Karwar.
5. Landing of an aircraft at Panjim."

This is what has appeared in the newspaper. Does he want to add to it?

Shri Goray (Poona): That is what has appeared in the newspaper.

Shri Nath Pai: There was also a news item that was broadcast by the All India Radio this morning. It is an official agency and it is not normally given to this kind of sensation. It broadcast a news item which does not appear in the Press, viz., a Portuguese aircraft was reported to have landed at Panjim. It gives the number of concentration of Portuguese forces to the order of 700 at Mazali. In the light of this, we would like to know if Government have any information.

Mr. Speaker: The same thing is given here.

Shri Tangamani: Also one of the armed vessels belonging to the Portuguese has left that island.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: First of all, may I say that anything that the All India Radio broadcasts is not necessary official. They have got their own correspondents and they also take their news from newspaper agencies. No doubt normally they try to exercise some care, more care perhaps than....

Shri S. M. Banerjee: It is a Government enterprise and their source is correct.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: It is not a question of private enterprise or public enterprise. They rely on the normal agencies like PTI, Reuter, etc., and sometimes their own correspon-

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dents. They do not get their news as a rule, except on very special occasions, through the agency of the Government of India.

Mr. Speaker: There is no difference.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I merely wanted to correct that statement to remove any misapprehension. Now, all these questions are in regard to what the Portuguese are doing within Goa territory. Broadly, our information is that they have added to their troops there, their aircraft there and generally to their military equipment. Obviously, I cannot give any details about the number of troops they have got and where they have got. But broadly, it is our information that they have been strengthening their position there.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that the Portuguese have intensified their military preparations after the statement made by the Prime Minister that we might employ force at any time to liberate Goa?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I cannot give a date when they did it. They have been doing it. Possibly that statement may have had some effect on them.

Shri Goray: I would like to put one question to the Prime Minister. Things are happening in such a way that the Portuguese are strengthening their own base in Goa. Not only they are strengthening their own base but, as you read the other day, they are going out to Anjdiv and trying to see that their authority prevails there. They are threatening the people round about. I want to know, when this sort of military build-up is going on, what is it that we are doing to assure our own people and the people in Goa that what we have already said to them—that they will be liberated very soon—is going to take effect? Otherwise, Sir, the whole position will be that because of the build-up there will be demoralisation among the people of Goa and round about.

Shri Nath Pal: The adjournment motion does not, as the Prime Minister tried to say, refer only to what they are trying to do inside. We have specifically stated about the massing of Portuguese troops on our border, at Mazali Border, near Satara—I come from that area. It may be that the reports are slightly exaggerated, and we wanted to be enlightened about it. Also, we wanted to know about what my colleague Shri Goray asked, and information as to the concentration and massing of troops near our border, not deep inside.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I cannot give any precise information. But, broadly speaking, they have put some of their troops near the border and some internally at various places. As for the question asked by the hon. Member Shri Goray, I can tell him that we are very much seized of the situation and we hope to take adequate steps to meet it.

Mr. Speaker: In view of the assurance given further discussion is not necessary.

REPORTED TORTURE TO DEATH OF A GOAN PATRIOT WHILE IN LOCK-UP.

Mr. Speaker: I have received another adjournment motion which says:

"Reported news that a Goan Patriot Mr. Mark Fernandes has been tortured to death in Panjim Lock Up by the Portuguese Imperialists and another Goan satyagrahi is said to be missing."

Has the Prime Minister to say anything relating to this?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I am sorry, Sir, we have no information other than what has appeared in the Press about this case. I have also received a telegram to the same effect. That has appeared in the Press. But there is no further information on this.