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TOUCHING NAVAL SURRENDER

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The surrender of the Pakistan Army Commander, Lt.-Gen. A.A.K. Niazi, to Lt.-Gen. J.S. Aurora, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, was followed by another touching scene at the Dacca airport.

A few moments before he took off from the airport for the VIKRANT, Vice-Admiral N. Krishnan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, was approached by Flag Officer East Pakistan Navy, Rear Admiral Mohammed Sharif. In a calm voice, Admiral Sharif said: "Admiral Krishnan, Sir, soon I will be disarmed. Your Navy fought magnificently and had cornered us everywhere. There is no one I would like to surrender my arms to other than the Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Fleet". He then unbelted his holster and handed over his Chinese-made revolver and clips of ammunition to Admiral Krishnan.

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