Intellectuals murdered in cold blood

The bodies of intellectuals, professors, writers, doctors and journalists, who had fallen victims of selective killing by the surrendering military junta of Pakistan were found in different brick kilns and ditches in and around the marshy land near Raverbag on the outskirts of Dacca, reports BNA. The victims of the ghastly act, some of whom were found blindfolded and handcuffed with bullet and bayonet injuries in the chest and head, were lying exposed in shallow water in the kilns and ditches. In some cases carnivores had attacked the bodies.

This reporter who visited one such death scene and identified the bodies of Professor Abul Kalam Azad, Dr. Faizal, Rabees and Dr. Abdul Khair on Friday evening, recovered the body of Dr. Azad and telephonically informed the relatives of the other victims on Saturday morning. The world news, TV and radio network representatives visited the spot and came across the harrowing scene of brutality. They also located the prison camp at the Physical Training Institute where rooms are still blood-splattered and instruments are for torturing the victims scattered around.

Towards the end of the Liberation War of Bangladesh, the Army junta, para-military units called Razakar, Al-Badar and Al-Shams, drawn from fanatic right-wing parties, particularly Jamaat-e-Islami, kidnapped these victims. Those picked up also included Mr. Sirajuddin. (Continued on page 4, col. 1)

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Hossain, Executive Editor of Daily Ittefaq, Mr. Shaheedullah Kaiser of Daily Sangbad, Nizamuddin Ahmed and Nazmul Hug of PPI, Professor Munier Chowdhury, Professor Sadruddin, Dr. Aleem Chowdhury, Mr. S A. Mannan of the Observer, A. N. M. Gholam Mustafa of Daily Purbodesh, and many others. Their fate is still uncertain.