

Minister gives accounts of Pakistani atrocities

# Over one lakh killed in Khulna alone

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Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Bangladesh Minister for Agriculture, said in Dacca on Thursday that over one lakh people were killed by the Pakistan Army and their collaborators in different places in Khulna town alone.

The main spots in Khulna town where Bengalees were slaughtered are located at Calamari, near radio station, Khalishpur, Customs Ghat, Forest Ghat, Daulatpur, Ful-tala, Goalpara and Khulna Railway godown, the minister added.

The Minister who has recently returned to Dacca after a tour of Khulna town, village areas of the district and parts of Jessore told a Press conference at Bangladesh Secretariat that he had suggested to preserve the areas used for slaughtering Bengalees as "protected areas." If the "slaughter houses" are protected evidences

of killings can be preserved for international jurists who may be eager to see the evidence of ghastly murders by the Pakistan Army, the Minister pointed out. In this connection he said that during

were closed. About 7,000 persons were killed by machine gun brush in that single incident.

Five thousand persons were killed in one day at Crescent Jute Mills in Khalishpur industrial town in the later part of April by the Pakistan Army. On January 29 last searches were conducted in the non-Bengali pockets in Khalishpur including Railway Colony, Khalishpur Ferry Ghat, and Sheikhpara for the recovery of arms from those places.

A huge quantity of arms and ammunition were recovered from Khalishpur in a day and thousands of human skeletons were found at different places. The Pakistan Army and the non-Bengalees eliminated the Bengalees from those places.

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his visit to Khulna and parts of Jessore, he found heaps of human skeletons in those "slaughter houses" and in ditches and canals.

## Details of massacres

Sheikh Abdul Aziz gave a detailed account of massacres by the barbarous Pakistan Army in different parts of Khulna and Jessore which he visited recently. Some of the information about massacres which he disclosed are as follows:

In May last year the workers of Khulna Newsprint Factory were called to receive their salaries. Thousands of workers entered the mill. The gates

## Human skeletons

The erstwhile District Judge of Khulna, died of heart failure because he could not bear the ghastly shock of murders carried out by the Pak Army at Customs Ghat behind his residence. (Skeletons can even now (Continued on page 4 Col. 5)

Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Minister for Agriculture, addressing a Press Conference in his office on Thursday.

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be found in drains and ditches in Khalishpur. This thickly populated industrial area now presents a deserted look.

In Shakharikati, a village area in Khulna the Pakistan Army killed 313 persons on one "hat" day.

In Luxmikhali under Morelganj police station 4,000 persons were killed in a day. They were on their way to India along with thousands of other displaced persons.

Rajah Ali Fakir a Razakar Commander of Bagerhat himself killed at least 10,000 people. It is learnt that Rajah Ali used to kill 300 to 400 people per day. The victims were collected by the Razakars of his command from different villages, brought near the dargha sharif of Pir Khan Jehan Ali of Bagerhat and killed by Rajah Ali.

In June last some members of Mukti Bahini caught Rajah Ali and in broad day light shot him in Bagerhat town. Rajah Ali was injured. The Mukti Bahini thought him to be dead and left. The Pakistan Army brought Rajah Ali to Combined Military Hospital in Dacca where he recovered.

On December 20, two days after the surrender of Pakistan Army in Khulna Rajah Ali committed suicide by taking poison.

## 3000 Killed in a day

At village Chuknagar under Dumuria police station the Pakistan Army opened fire on a large number of fleeing Bengalees and killed at least 3,000 in a day.

An army unit which came from Perojpur in Barisal district to Chandipur village in Khulna killed 379 in a day.

The Minister told newsmen that in five houses in village Teligati, about six miles off Bagerhat he saw graves of 39 persons killed by the Pakistan Army.

The Minister mentioned some other names of dedicated workers of Awami League, National Awami Party and students who have been killed by the brute Yahya forces. They are: Mr. Jobed Ali, President of Khulna Sadar Sub-Divisional Awami League and his two young sons; Anwar, Hakim and Khasru, three young workers of Awami League and Mr. Zafar, Khulna District President of National Awami Party. Mr. Zafar was taken to Gallapara slaughterhouse in Khulna town and was killed.

In Khalishpur, the Pakistan Army and their non-Bengalee collaborators killed 14 members of Mr. Siddiqui Rahman's family. Mr. Rahman is the president of Khalishpur Awami League. He has been saved.

The Minister who hails from Khulna has lost seven of his relations during the period of occupation by the Pakistan Army.

## 40,000 killed

### in Kushtia

BSS adds: About 40,000 people had been killed by the barbarous Pakistani Army and their collaborators during the nine months of their atrocities in Kushtia district.

Confirming this casualty figure Mr. Azizur Rahman Akkas, member of the Constituent Assembly said in a statement in Kushtia on Thursday 60 per cent. of them were of the age group between 16 and 25 years, and that the rest were of other age groups. They include old and infirm and men, women and children.

Regarding the damage and destruction done to the area he said that the devastations caused in Kushtia might well be compared with those in the atom ravaged Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It may be mentioned here that the occupation forces had maliciously circulated the news that Mr. Azizur Rahman Akkas had been killed by the Mukti Bahini in India in the middle of June.

## Al-Badar gangster