

Pak Army butchered 10,000 in Sylhet area

SYLHET, Feb. 4:—Over ten thousand people including women and children were slaughtered in Sylhet town and suburbs alone by the Pakistan Army during the nine months of its massacre in Bangladesh. Dewan Farid Gazi, Secretary of the District Awami League told BSS yesterday.

A number of mass graves which were found recently in Lalmatia and Guttikar village, about three miles south of the town, were visited by the Bangladesh Foreign Minister.

Mr. Abdus Samad Azad during his two-day visit to Sylhet.

According to Mr. Gazi, the occupation army had opened two slaughter centres in Sylhet; one at Lalmatia and the other at Salutikar, about six miles north of the town. Hundreds of people including women and children were picked up by the barbarous army and were brutally killed in these centres.

The BSS correspondent touring Sylhet saw some of

the mass graves in Lalmatia, along the western side of the railway line between Sylhet and Mangalbazar. According to one estimate there are over fifty such mass graves, each containing two to three dozen bodies in Lalmatia village alone. The brutal Pakistani troops used to dig ditches, throw the bodies of their victims in these and then covered them with a layer of earth.

In Salutikar slaughter centre, near Sylhet, in the residential model school where the occupation army had a camp, over five thousand people were butchered.

The Awami League Secretary said that the authorities were making arrangements for collecting further details of the massacres of the occupation army in Sylhet.

Collaborators