

Pak Army perpetrated inhuman crime on women in Natore

NATORE Feb. 5:—Blood of martyrs who had fallen to the bullets of the treacherous Pakistani forces are not enough to write the history of what was once "Rani Bhabai's Natore" but it was the shrieks and screams of the defiled and molested women that can tell the grim story of this North Bengal township, writes a BSS roving correspondent. One thousand of its innocent and unarmed population lost their lives to the cruel bullets of the brutal forces and three thousand of its women folks lost their chastity to their beastly frenzy during the nine months of their atrocities in Natore. As regards the damage, destruction looting and arson, the less said, the better.

As the survivors reported, the barbarous forces stormed into the houses, dragged the civilians out and killed them in the open spaces. They caught hold of the pardanashin women dragged them out of their houses and debased them in the camps or in the open fields.

The vacant souse of Third Magistrate of Natore at Kapuriapaty was made a hell for the women folks where

they were brought in irrespective of age every night and ravished.

Reports from the countryside said that not a village in the sub-division was left where the blasphemous Pakistani army had not created a terror for the pious and pardanashin women.

A tragic tale

An intelligent girl of natore who acted as a kept of Major Sherwani saved thousand of lives by her wit. Sherwani who used to kill 50 people from among the captive every night was always kept on good humour by this girl. She knew that the cruel beast would kill 50 persons if she failed to come and give him her company for a night.

In June some Pakistani brutes entered the house of a government officer and ravaged his daughter in his presence.

The barbarous army during July killed about 450 men, women and children in village Chhatani under Natore Thana. The same month, they killed nearly three hundred persons at Chhatonala near Dattapara Bridge.

Led by Major Villiams the Pakistani army killed 365 employees of Gopalpur Sugar Mills near one pond on the mills premises.

The Administrator of the mill was also killed. The villagers have given the name of the pond as Shahid Saagar. In village Beelmariya and Bahanbari under Lalpur Thana 350 to 450 persons were hung by the necks from the trees.

Some trees bearing gunshot marks still stood as mute witnesses to the tragedy.

Village Maria near Abdulpur was totally burnt and 250 of its inhabitants were killed. Fifty persons were killed at Naldanga Baar alone. About one hundred persons were kidnaped in village Biaghat under Gurudaspur Thana. At Tabaria Haar about sixty people were killed on one weekly bazar day. Besides innumerable villages were completely burnt.

Mass graves

Innumerable mass graves were recently discovered near Laldighi within Natore town where from skulls and bones of about 250 persons were recovered ten days ago.

Mass graves were also discovered near Natore Primary Training Institute.

Scores of bodies were found floating in river Atrai between Arani and Abdulpur villages wherefrom 174 were recovered some time back.

Abdul Waied, Jail Clerk Natore Sub-Jail, narrated the horrible stories of what had happened in this sub-jail. People were brought in here, interrogated and were later tortured to death every day.

Abdul Awal, Additional Superintendent of Police, Noor Mohammad Khan, Vice-Principal of Nawabganj College one MBBS doctor were detained here for some time before they were killed.

The army guards also committed homosexual offences on young captives.

Local intellectuals, Doctor Hemchandra Basak, Sub-divisional Health Officer, Doctor Rebaty Sanyal, Student League Workers, Baby and his father were the victims of the Pakistani Army.

At Bonpara Catholic Church where some Hindu families took shelter 80 persons were killed in April. This operation was led by Major Sherwani of the Pakistan Army. From one garden near a Mukhteer's house in Alaipur, Natore town many dead bodies were recovered only recently.

Rajbari damaged

Famous Natore Rajbari of Rani Bhabani was completely damaged and all the valuables stolen. All furniture, books, instruments and equipments of Vocational Training Institute and Primary Training Institute, Natore Serajuddollah College and Maharaja High School were either stolen or damaged.

Natore College alone sustained a loss of about rupees three lakhs, and Mahara High School about rupees one lakh twentyfive thousand. Valuable furniture of almost all Dak Bangalows in the Sub-division were also looted or damaged.

Sunamganj

Pakistan Army has left a trail of death and destruction in this border town of Northern Bangladesh adds ENA.

About 12,000 people were killed in and around Sunamganj town and nearly 30,000 houses were burnt or destroyed by the Occupation Army in Sunamganj sub-division. Nearly four lakh people took shelter across the border.

Life now is gradually returning to normal—though scarcity of the bare necessities of life are acute.

The communications still remains virtually disrupted as many boats and vehicles were destroyed by the Pakistan Army. Peasants failed to have any harvest, since most of them had fled across the border.

Yet the brave people of this picturesque land down the hills of Meghalaya have taken the challenge of life boldly.

A young Mukti Bahini cadre told ENA correspondent "We will build anew our land, we have won a revolution not to lose it."

One would feel, he was correct if one looked at the fields now smiling with IRRI plants. This is obviously a revolutionary success, said the local Sub-Divisional Officer—a young man in his near 30. But he confided there was shortage of fund.

When asked about what was his suggestion, he kept mum. Then he replied—"I cant say, I must face it—and that's possibly my only suggestion."

The local peasant Barkatullah whose son fought in the liberation war said it was the victory of the future generation and he did not bother himself much—"they would solve it," he said with a bright smile that came out of his hunger-struck face.

Collaborators arrested

The following is a further list of persons arrested as collaborators:—

1. Mohammad Mohajan of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 2. Anwar Ahmed of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 3. Mohammad Nazibul Basar of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 4. Syed Abdul Malek of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 5. Syed Zakir Ahmed of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 6. Anwar Ali of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 7. Mohammad Anis of Mirpur, Dacca. 8. Mohammad Nizamuddin of Lalbagh, Dacca. 9. Zafar Hossain of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 10. Newaz Ahmed of Mohammadpur, Dacca.

11. Abdus Sattar of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 12. Abdul Aziz of Sutrapur, Dacca. 13. Mohammad Nazimuddin of Mirpur, Dacca. 14. Riazuul Hasan of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 15. Abdur Rahim Kutki of Sidhirganj, Dacca. 16. Saifullah of Sutrapur, Dacca. 17. Gulzar Ahmed of Dacca. 18. Istiaque Ahmed of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 19. Mohammad Nasim of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 20. Afzal Ahmed of Mohammadpur, Dacca.

21. Mohammad Golam Kabbani of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 22. Lutfur Rahman of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 23. Mohammad Karim of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 24. Abed Hossain of Sutrapur, Dacca. 25. Safig Waliullah of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 26. Monwar Ali of Mirpur, Dacca. 27. Mohammad Azimullah of Mirpur, Dacca. 28. Katabuddin of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 29. Mohammad Wasimuddin of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 30. Mohammad Mohiuddin of Mohammadpur, Dacca.

31. Zahid Hossain of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 32. Ekramuddin of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 33. Mohammad Samsuddin of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 34. Sheikh Golam Mostofa of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 35. Mohammad Amin of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 36. Mohammad Sadique of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 37. Sultan Ahmed Khan of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 38. S.M. Zamal Arar of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 39. Ali Hossain of Mohammadpur, Dacca. 40. Amanullah of Mohammadpur, Dacca.

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