3,000 women violated Pak barbarity in Thakurgaon

THAKURGAON, Feb. 9.—During nine months of their occupation the Pakistan Army had killed nearly one-third of the total of ten lakh population in the Sub-division, violated about 3,000 women, destroyed 8000 houses and looted almost all the valuables of the people, BSS roving correspondent gathered here.

Only days before the cowardly surrender the Pakistan Army had destroyed all the communication links of the Sub-division with the rest of the country. Road and railway bridges were blown up, culverts destroyed and telecommunications snapped. In some cases important public buildings were also damaged or destroyed.

Skulls and bones of bodies in the ponds, in the mass graves and in the roadside ditches still haunted the passers-by and scoffed civilization. In one case at least 10,000 people were killed around Khulaidighi, a man-made lake, under Ranisanikail thana and about 3000 bodies were thrown under the water-hyacinth in the night.

The Bangirhat Dighi within Atoari thana was filled with about 2500 skeletons, mass graves near the former EPR Headquarters of Thakurgaon, near the bridges at Jalighanga, at the former Razaker training centre at Kalibari in Munshirhat.

Careyhat, Phulbarihat, Ruhia and Ramnath held still gave the stinking smell to the passers-by. Almost all the graves were filled with bodies of the youths who were the main targets of the "jawans" of the dastardly forces. Many villages in the Sub-division have become a desolate place for the visitors for hygienic reasons.

As for the violations of the women-folk the "Cupid himself would bend down to same to the lascivious treatment of the mothers and sisters by the Pakistan forces in Thakurgaon. The dastardly forces brought in the women-folk in the former LPR Headquarters, WAPDA Rest houses, and B Inspection Bungalow, Pak Army camps at Kismat and Palashbari near Tiron river and debased them. Decaying saris and lady's garments were found in the deserted bunkers and slit trench after the shameful retreat of the Pakistan Army.

Hardly a village in the Sub-division was left where some houses were not burnt down. All the houses under Hari-pur were either completely burnt down or partly damaged. Similar is the case of arson in Thakurgaon, Ranisanikail, Pirganj, Atoari and Balidanga thanas.

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in Dacca on Wednesday and admitted to the Institute of Postgraduate Medicine, was given absolute authority at the recently held Working Committee meeting at Tangail to reorganise the party.

Those who were made organising secretaries are Mr. Bazlus Sattar (Chittagon), Gazi Shahidullah (Khulna), Mr. Alamgir Siddiqui (Jessore), Mr. Motiur Rahman Chowdhury (Rajshahi), Mr. Abdur...