

3,000 women violated Pak barbarity in Thakurgaon

THAKURGAON, Feb. 9:— During nine months of their occupation the Pakistan Army had killed nearly one-thirtieth of the total of ten lakh population in the Sub-division, violated about 3000 women, destroyed 80000 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 road-side ditches still haunted the passers-by and scoffed civilization. In one case at least 10,000 people were killed around Khuniardighi, a man-made lake, under Ranisankail thana and about 3000 bodies were thrown under the water-hyacinth in the ditch.

The Dangirhat Dighi within Atoari thana was filled with about 2500 skeletons, mass graves near the former EPR Headquarters of Thakurgaon, near the bridges at Jatighanga, at the former Kazaker training centre at Kaibari in Munshirhat.

Gareyahat, Phulbarihat, Ruhia and Ramnath hat 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 in shame 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, C 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 Haripur were either completely burnt down or partly damaged. Similar is the case of arson in Thakurgaon, Ranisankail, Pirganj, Atjari 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. Bazius Sattar (Chittagong), Gazi Shahidullah (Khulna), Mr. Alamgir Siddiqi (Jessore), Mr. Mojibur Rahman Chowdhury (Raschahi), Mr. Abdur