

Carnage by Pak Army 60,000 KILLED IN RANGPUR

RANGPUR, Feb. 10.—At least sixty thousand men, women and children had been killed, over ten thousand married and unmarried women debased and five lakh houses totally burnt or destroyed in Rangpur, reports BSS.

In Rangpur town alone the Pakistani Occupation Army had killed over ten thousand persons. Besides, fifteen thousand more had been butchered in four police stations of Bhurungamari, Nageswari, Chilmari and Lalmonirhat.

Bhurungamari, it may be recalled, had changed hands several times in fierce battles between the Freedom Fighters and the Pakistani Army and so suffered heavily in both men and material.

The Pakistani Army had carried on a systematic campaign of arson in Kurigram sub-division with such vehemence that hardly a house now stood there and entire townships and villages had been totally destroyed.

Other affected police stations of the district are: Hati-bandha, Kaliganj and Kaunia in Sadar, Govindaganj and Sundarganj in Gaibandha, Saidpur, Domar and Dimla under Nilphamari sub-divisions.

In Gaibandha town at least seven thousand persons had been killed by the Pakistani hordes.

Mass graves

Mass graveyards had been found near Modern Cinema hall, Mahiganj, cremation ground, Rangpur Public Library, Narirhat, Damdora, Nishabganj bridge, Jafarganj bridge Balidipukur, Darga, Sahibganj near Shyampur Mill, Dasdoba Mosque, Kashiabari, Sunderganj, Gaibandha Helal Park, Palashbari, Baharatkhali, Badi-

akhali, Madarganj, Dhaperhat and many other places at Saidpur, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat.

Defiling of women in the district had been indiscriminate and on a mass scale. Rangpur Arts Council building was one of the main centre where women used to be brought from different places in the district. Barbarous Pakistani Armymen after ravishing the unfortunate girls used to kill them. A huge number of wine bottles, sarcea, sandals and other garments were recovered from the place. Other such centres had been at Rangpur Cantonment, Circuit House, Rangpur Public Library, Jugirhat, Keranihat, Shyampur, Mahiganj, Gaibandha Helal Park, various Army camps and bunkers.

Village women in the district also could not escape the Pak Armymen's lust.

Villages burnt

Mr. Manikrishna Sen, the NAP leader, informed the correspondent that all the villages to the east, west and north of Rangpur Cantonment had been burnt by the Pakistani Army.

Four professors of the Carmichael College, Chittaranjan Deb of the Mathematics Department, Kulachand Roy of the Chemistry Department and his wife and Ramkrishna Adhikary had been killed.

Other prominent personalities of the District killed by the Pakistani Army are: Shiben Mukherjee and Khorshed Alam, both Communist leaders, Yakub Mahfuzali, Bhashani NAP leader, Abdus Samad Chowdhury and Rani Rahman of Muzaffar NAP, Mahtabuddin, a student leader, Jahangir Ali of Toaha group, Bijooykumar Maitra alias Pakhibabu with his two sons,

student leader Dhali, Gopalchandra, Rangpur Radio Programme Organiser Mohiuddin Haider, Ghulam Farouq, Engineer, Al-Haj Mohammadali with his son and son-in-law, Mosharrif Hossain, Headmaster, Dimla High School, Habibur Rahman, a primary school teacher and Raja Choudhury Gournadi High School Headmaster.

Railway bridges at Teesta Sundarmati, Ratnai and Kauganoni road bridges of Damdama Kathakhali and many other places had been blown up, severely disrupting road and rail communication throughout Rangpur District.

Before surrendering the Pak Army had burnt about two crore rupee worth notes, melted huge number of coins of Rangpur National Bank Branch.

Pak Army also burnt valuable books of the Rangpur Public Library, damaged furniture and books specially of Bankin, Saratchandra, Rabindranath, Lenin and Marx. Total loss sustained by this library would be about one lakh of rupees. Library Secretary Jarej Miah had also been killed.

About seven lakh persons of Rangpur District went over to India. Five lakh have already returned.

Food Minister's call

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Sonar Bangla

MADARIPUR, Feb. 7.—Mr. Phani Bhuvan Majumdar, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, exhorted the people to contribute their mite for rebuilding Sonar Bangla.

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