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 hundred 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, Olmari 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: Hatibandha, Kailiganj and Rangpur in Sadar. Govindaganj and Sunderganj 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, Narhat, Rampora, Nishbatganj bridge, Jafarganj bridge, Baldipukur, Darga, Sahibganj near Shyampur Mill, Dasdoba Mosque, Kashibari, Sunderganj, Gaibandha Helal Park, Palashbari, Baharatkhali, Badakhali, Madarganj, Dhaparhat 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 centres 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, sarees, sandals and other garments were recovered from the place. One such centre had been at Rangpur Cantonment, Circuit House, Rangpur Public Library, Jugirhat, Keranhat, Shyampur, Nongol, Badkhe, Helal Park, various Army camps and bunkers.

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

Villages burnt
Mr. Manik Krishna 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 Chittaranjan Deb of the Mathematics Department, Kulchand 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 Mahfuz Ali, Bhasani NAP leader, Abdur Samad Chowdhury and Rani Rahman of Muzaffar NAP, Mahtabuddin, a student leader, Jahangir Ali of Toaha group, Bijoykumar Maitra alias Pakhibabu with his two sons, student leader Dhilli, Gopaldhanda, Rangpur Radio Programme Organiser, Mohd. Haider, Ghulam Farouq, Engineer, Al-Haj Mohammad Ali with his son and son-in-law, Mosharaf Hossain, Headmaster, Dimla High School, Habibur Rahman, a primary school teacher and Haji Choudhury Gourami High School Headmaster.

Railway bridges at Teesta Sundarmati, Ratan and Kauganand road bridges of Damda, Kathakhali and many other places had been blown up, severely disrupting road and rail communication thorough Rangpur District.

Before surrendering the Pak Army had burnt—about two thousand houses, 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 Bankim, Sarat Chandra, Rabindranath, Lenin and Marx. Total loss sustained by this library would be about one lakh of rupees. Library Secretary Taral Mish had also been killed.

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

Food Minister’s call
Contribute
for rebuilding
Sonar Bangla

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

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