Pakistan Army killed 10,000 in Akhaura, Chandpur

COMILLA, Feb. 11:—At least 10,000 innocent people including many intellectuals were killed by Pakistan occupation forces and its hordes at Akhaura, Al-Badr railway junction, and Chandpur, riverport town of Comilla, reports BSS.

Besides killing, the barbarous Pakistan occupation army destroyed innumerable houses, shops, railway office buildings and quarters in two towns of Comilla district.

The Al-Badr forces also killed more than 5,000 people in different concentration camps set up in various buildings at Chandpur Station and threw the bodies into the mighty river Meghna according to an eye-witness, Mr. Fazlul Bari who is a Sanitary Assistant of Chandpur Railway Hospital.

Another eye-witness Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed, Assistant Executive Engineer, who was stationed at Akhaura at the time of destruction told BSS correspondent that about 500 people had been mowed down by firing opened by the barbarous occupation army on April 18 last when the brutes cracked down on this railway junction. Mr. Ahmed also fell into the hands of the army was bayoneted and robbed of all his belongings, but fortunately he survived and crossed over to India. The occupation army looted each and every railway quarters and shop in the adjoining town and destroyed them indiscriminately.

Rly platform damaged

When the BSS correspondent visited Akhaura Junction, he found a handful of passengers waiting for the only train that runs between Akhaura and Ashuganj and a few railway staff pondering for the accommodation of their offices in the burn up platform No. 1. The entire platform No. 1 including the offices in it and the mechanical arrangements there were completely destroyed by the occupation forces.

The whole yard looked deserted. The railway establishments were damaged when the barbarous occupied forces retreated in December last. Fifty per cent of the shops in the town was burnt or otherwise damaged. People were found clearing debris and economic activities in this area seemed yet to be started.

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While travelling along the railroad heavy destruction of houses in the adjoining villages was marked. Most of the stations between Comilla and Akhaura were damaged. (Continued on page 6 Col. 6)
Army killings

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and deserted. The occupation forces were stationed at Fakirhat, Rajapur, Nayaipur, and Sylhet, from where they perpetuated inhuman atrocities upon the innocent people and masses.

As told to this correspondent by a noted inhabitant of Fakirhat, the occupation forces killed at least 15 inhabitants of the adjoining villages of Ganges and Imambazar. In one night they killed a large number of people and buried them in the ditches of a house of one Siddique member. At Fakirhat one Ali Asraf of the Fakirhat police force, who corresponded some mass graves in front of his palace, said that these killed and buried by the Pakistan army.

One Abdul Bari of Shahbuddin also corresponded how on one bazaar day the Pakistan forces suddenly opened fire at Nagaishabur, killing about 120 people and injuring many more.

Planned murder of intellectuals

Dr. Majibur Rahman Chowdhury, editor of the weekly Nusrat, Mizanur Rahman Chowdury and private practitioner at Fakirhat told this correspondent that a group of about 30 individuals were taken up their camp in Puranbazar, Nuria High School in the town and the occupied forces, under the command of Ismail, went on a planned murder of intellectuals, students and political leaders of their community. Professor Abdul Rob, chief of Jamaat-e-Islami also said that the doctor also narrated how his son Habib was picked up from his residence and subjected to inhuman torture by the beagles of the party with a dog. The extortion racket was later released but the doctor did not say anything about the fate of the son.

30. In the humiliating defeat of the occupied forces blood thirsty Al-Badar forces betrayed them and in a single night killed about 30 intellectuals, including a panic. Mr. Sayedul Haq, Assistant Engineer, T. C. Chakrabarti, corresponds that Abdul Kahleq, a supervisor and Motsherebuddin, a cooperative assistant, were among the department were killed by the occupation forces.

5. When they were returning from a village at the outskirts of the village, the Al-Badar forces detained them and killed them. The bodies were found in the next morning in a road near the road the next morning. The correspondent, who he and his inspector narrowly escaped Al-Badar forces, wrote the night following December 7, Gnett, that they left their quarters only a few minutes before the Pakistan heard their doors in their quest.

On that very night the blood-thirsty Al-Badar forces killed more than 40 intellectuals in a single night, including former Matia Rahman, assistant superintendent of police, Bhuiyan, store-keeper, Maksud Rahman, senior assistant, Ka-mal Hossain, Shafiquddin Ahmad, Malaria Inspector, Idris Mia, Malaria supervisors of Malaria Eradication Department, and several other officials of the Project Officer, Nazzimuddin and others.

According to sources of these departments the same night there were these, at the doors of many intellectuals of the town but as every one was asleep and the coast was clear they could not do any more harm to the society. It was told by many of them that the Al-Badar forces, Dr. Majibur Rahman Chowdhury also corresponded to this correspondent that the lives of the intellectuals were spared only due to the intervention of some senior Al-Badar members including their commander, Professor and others.

A mango tree near the Bay Fishing Corporation is an identification of distant of the spot of the Al-Badar forces. Bodies had been thrown in the river Meghna with their legs bough and hands tied from behind. The occupied army and their collaborators kept some, especially from the villages, roads, launders, and other places, and their establishments, herded them in different railway trains, used them as human and criminal camps, tortured, killed and threw them in the river Meghna. The Bay Fishing Corporation's godown, Sambalpur, and other Al-Badar railway scavengers told this correspondent that the Pakistan forces killed them from their quarters at small hours of nights and compelled them to carry the bodies to the river Meghna and to clear the blood-stained from the roads and the platform and before dawn. In many nights then said how women brought from different places were being expedited to clear the blood-stained of the occupied forces, they said. Women were some times thrown into the river in launches, enjoyed and ravished. They were forced by the side of the river and also Dr. Majibur Rahman Chowdhury also corresponded that they very often at night heard the crying voices of these women, they could not give any light about the fate of these girls brought by the occupation forces.

One Habib Rahman, a relation photographer at Puranbazar narrated to this correspondent how miraculously he escaped death, he was taken away from somewhere and thrown in the river with his legs bound and head. He, he said, fell back in spite of going deep into the body, managed to swim to the bank from his back. Taking to be dead he kept a little distance from the dead.

Prof. Muzaffar calls on P M

The President of Bangladesh National Awami Party, Prof. Muzaffar, was also called on the Prime Minister and has been with him for about 45 minutes today.