Pak Army killed 30,000 persons in Hajiganj

COMILLA, Feb. 16: Horrid tales of mass killing of unarmed innocent, children and women by the brute Pakistan occupation army and their collaborators during 9 long months in Bangladesh have been coming to light everyday. In Hajiganj police station of Chandpur Sub-Division about 30,000 people were murdered by the Pakistan border army, reports ENA.

Talking to ENA a 75-year-old man, Abdul Subhan of Teranagar village said that Pakistan occupation army committed mass murders of both men and women in front of their parents and relatives. He said all victims were picked up by Razakars and Al-Badri and kept in Hajiganj Jute Mills where they were being slaughtered by the Pakistan army butchers. He said human skulls and skeleton of hundreds and thousands have been unearthed from the site.

7,000 skeletons found in Mainamati

A BSS report from Comilla says: The number of human skeletons dug up from about 12 mass graves in Mainamati Cantonment and Rupban Mura (hilllock of Rupban maiden) has crossed 7,000, according to S. Fazlur Rahman, Police Investigation Officer.

About 1,200 skeletons have been found in the mass graves around the Rupban hilllock, another secret site for killing Bengalees and dumping the bodies in the graves by the Pak Army and their collaborators. Skeletons exhumed from the graves here were found wrapped in blankets in some cases or three. A single mass grave to the north of the Squad House in the Cantonment contained about 500 bodies.

Investigations into these Pak Army genocide has been taken up by the Crime Investigation Department, it is learnt.

100 skeletons found in one mass grave

A report from Pabna says: About 100 pieces of skeletons and human-skulls were found on Sunday when a mass grave was dug up at Nurbur near BPWAPDA Grid Station here.

The Grid Station had been the operational headquarters of the Pakistan occupation army in the town.

In one grave nearly 20 full human skeletons were found with their heads tied behind their back and mouth stuffed with cloth. A big sword was also found in the grave and was believed to have been used in killing the victims.

Another mass graveyard with about 300 skulls and skeletons was found at a distance of one mile under the Dhutawri Union of Pabna Sadar Sub-Division, according to Mr. Abu Sayeed, MCA, talking to BSS. Mr. Sayeed said that 12 non-official workers were killed by the Pakistan army and their collaborators in Sujuanagar and Bera areas, according to a preliminary estimate.

He further said that first-hand reports revealed that the occupation army had burned down 50,000 houses to ashes and partly damaged and looted about 55,000 houses in Pabna Sadar Sub-Division.

Another grave was dug up at Maizhona near Alakula, 18 miles from Pabna town, revealing five skeletons, including one believed to be that of Maulana Kasmiddin Ahmed. Maulana Kasmiddin is remem bered in the district as a noted social worker who had founded many schools colleges and social welfare organisations in the district. Many social welfare workers of Pabna town visited the place. The heads of the Maizhona later buried in accordance with the Muslim custom.

Mr. Abdul Rab, MCA, General Secretary, Pabna District Awami League told BSS that he had already started a correct assessment of the atrocities committed by the Pakistan occupation army in the district. He had already toured many villages for the purpose.

Shahed Day

Week-long programme in Khulna

From Our Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb. 15: A week long programme for the observance of Shahid Day (February 21) has been inaugurated in Khulna today under the auspices of the Khulna Branch of the Bangladesh Students League.

The programme includes among other things, mourning procession carrying black badges, campaign for teaching Bengali to the illiterate and introduction of Bengali at all educational institutions and official sat non-official organisations and departments, symposium on Bengali language and literature, procession on February 20 and hoisting of black flags, provost ferry, prayer, cultural function and a public meeting at Sirajganj Maidan on February 21.

The inaugural day was observed at Keraniganj Hugli by the Students Union of the Khulna branch. A public meeting was held at Shahid Hall Park under the auspices of the Students Union.

Office-bearers elected

By A Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Baitul Mukarram Shop Workers' Union was held on Wednesday night at the Baitul Mukarram under the chairmanship of Maulana Mokhlesur Rahman, Imam, Baitul Mukarram Mosque.

The meeting elected the following office-bearers: President—Mr. A. K. M. Alam, Vice-President—Mr. M. A. Azam, General Secretary—Mr. M. A. Patwari, Treasurer—Mr. Mokhlesur Rahman and Social Welfare Secretary—Maulana Abdus Shukur, places of worship for the departed souls of slain heroes of Bangladesh and others who laid down their lives for the emancipation of Bangladesh and its seven crore people. The local Students League leaders and officials were present at the meeting led by Mr. Abdul Quayum, Mosaraf Hosain and Babur Ali led today's mourning procession.

The Bangladesh Students Union's Khulna branch has also drawn up programme for the observance of Shahid Day. A public meeting will be held at the Shahid Hall Park, under the auspices of the Students Union.