

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 bandit army, reports ENA.

Talking to ENA a 75-year-old man, Abdus Subhan of Teranagar village said that Pakistan occupation army committed gruesome murders burnt houses and raped girls and women in front of their parents and relatives. He said all victims were picked up by Razakars and Al-Badr and were kept in Hajiganj Jute Mills where they had been slaughtered by the Pakistan army butchers. He said human skeletons and skulls in hundreds and thousands had 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 Kanyar Mura (hillock of Rupban maiden) has crossed 7,000 mark, according to Mr. Fazlur Rahman, Police Investigation Officer.

About 1200 skeletons have been found in the mass graves around the Rupban hillock, another secret site for killing Bengalees and dumping the bodies in the graves by the Pakistani Army and their collaborators. Skeletons exhumed from the graves here were found wrapped in blankets in groups of two or three.

A single mass grave to the north of the Squad House in the Cantonment contained about 500 bodies.

Investigation of these Pak Army genocide has been taken up by the Criminal 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 graveyard was dug up at Nurpur

near BPWAPDA Grid Station here.

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

In one grave nearly 20 full human skeletons were found with their hands 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 300 skulls and skeletons was found at village Rupsi under Dhutawri Union of Pabna Sadar Sub-Division, according to Mr. Abu Sayeed, MCA. Talking to BSS Mr. Sayeed said that 12,000 people were killed by the Pakistani army and their collaborators in Sujaganagar and Bera areas, according to a preliminary estimate.

He further said that first-hand reports revealed that the occupation army had burnt 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 Madhupur near Ataikula, 18 miles from Pabna town, revealing five skeletons, including one believed to be that of Maulana Kasimuddin Ahmed. Maulana Kasimuddin is remembered in the district as a noted social worker who had founded many schools colleges and social welfare organizations in the district. Many social welfare workers of Pabna town visited the place. The mortal remains of the Maulana later buried in accordance with the Muslim custom.

Mr. Abdur 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. He has appealed to the Government for more relief for the district.

Shaheed Day

Week-long programme in Khulna

From Our Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb. 15.—A week-long programme for the observance of Shaheed 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 wearing of black badges, campaign for teaching Bengali to the illiterates and introduction of Bengali at all educational institutions and official and non-official organizations and departments, symposium on Bengali language and Sacrifices of Shaheeds at Shahid Altaf Hall on February 19, torch procession on February 20 and hoisting of black flags, provat ferry, prayer, cultural function and a public meeting at Circuit House Maidan on February 21.

The inaugural day was observed as Sergeant Zahurul Huq Day. The programme of the day included wearing of black badges, mourning procession and special prayer in

Office-bearers elected

By A Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Baitul Mukarram Shop Workers' Union was held on Wednesday 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. Wall Ahmed Patwari, Treasurer—M. Mokhlesur Rahman and Social Welfare Secretary—Hafiz Abdus Shakur.

places of worship for the departed souls of shaheed Sergeant Zahurul Huq and others who laid down their lives for the emancipation of Bangladesh and its seven crore people. The local Students League leaders, Abdus Salam, Sheikh Abdul Quayum, Mosearf Hossain and Babur Ali led today's mourning procession.

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