In Dacca, Killings Amid the Revelry

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A day after the truce signing in Dacca the suffering here continues.

Unarmed Bengalis, their sarong-like skirts blood-stained and unraveled, lie dead, victims of street fighting and last-minute looting and killing by remnants of the militia forces that have terrorized the Bengalis in recent weeks.

In the street two blocks from the Race Course, where the Indian and Pakistani commanders in the East signed the surrender yesterday, the bodies of two West Pakistani soldiers lay heaped today, faces on the pavements — victims of vengeance by East Bengali guerrillas who could not be restrained.

The guerrillas' leaders had urged them in vain not to act like those who massacred tens of thousands of Bengalis in the seven and a half months that West Pakistan tried to force subservience on and deny independence to East Pakistan.

All through the night Bengalis roamed the streets in parades of celebration. Gunshots filled the night and morning, and most but not all the bullets were fired into the air.

Red Cross and hospital workers roamed the streets collecting the wounded and leaving the dead. Bengalis were found shot. Some Bihari Moslems, a minority group that helped the Pakistani soldiers control the Bengalis, were found with their throats slit.

When the surrender was

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To sit on while giving pep talks to his troops.

Beside General Niazi walked Lieut. Gen. Jagjit Singh Aurora, commander of India's eastern forces, wearing a chartreuse turban. General Niazi, his face expressionless, was also cursing. General Aurora was smiling.

The Indian commander's aide opened a black leather briefcase and took out a brown manila envelope. General Aurora produced the surrender papers and General Niazi stood up, read them carefully, sat and penned his signature. Then the Pakistani commander, now appearing on the verge of tears, stood again, slowly unstrapped his pistol and handed it to General Aurora.

All the while a young Bengali held the flag of Bangladesh just above the Pakistani general's head.

The scene dissolved into confusion. Indian officers were hoisted to the shoulders of Bengalis to lead victory cheers. Bengalis, searching for the Pakistani officers, shouted, "Where are the killer bastards?"

P.O.W.'s in East Pakistan; Two Pakistani soldiers, tied together with wire, under guard in an Indian truck after they were captured in fighting at Khulna on Thursday.

CHEERS FOR THE INDIANS: Two boatloads of Bengali boys from a river village shouting "Long live India" as they greeted a steamer carrying Indian soldiers in East Pakistan. Similar scenes took place throughout East Pakistan as Bengalis gave the Indians an excited welcome.