the old enemy within the Muslim political construct of India, who had no desire to share the spoils of a new state with Bengalis. H. S. Suhrawardy, who had done more than anyone to deliver Pakistan through the Bengali Muslim vote of 1946, also tried his hand at the United Bengal Movement, and then after 1947 found himself banned from Pakistan for several years for his pains.

Sheikh Mujib: First history, second phase

Suhrawardy's lieutenant, Sheikh Mujib, moved to Dhaka from Calcutta and began a new phase of political life. If in the earlier innings at Calcutta he was a boy of great promise who ably supported Suhrawardy, he soon made greater strides in the new land.

He left the first phase of the first history, the search for his own state within the Lahore Resolution, behind, and quickly joined the leaders who soon founded the East Pakistan version of the Bengal Muslim League, the Awami Muslim League, which later became the Awami League, in 1949. The second phase had begun.

The story so far is an uncomplicated narrative of a man who longed for a new state, expected its delivery, but saw it smashed, then took the pieces and began to build his new venture in the new construction.

For quite a few, Pakistan was never the goal but a mishap, something which couldn't be stated openly. It was like a forced marriage of convenience, of being part of a state they had disliked even before it was born.

It was a great boon for (West) Pakistan who took pleasure in rifling the larders of Bengal because the "fish eating Hindu-loving dark-skinned Bangalees" could be fleeced in the best interest of the fair-skinned Aryan Muslim Pakistan, a marriage made in heaven for them. Sadly for them, it didn't last, either.

In the last 30 years that we have followed the history of Bangladesh's public but mostly private independence war with Pakistan, there is a sense of embarrassment about how these two countries pretend to be one.

There was a possibility of a third new country, another "Pakistan," where all the component states/provinces would have got a full slate of fair socio-economic deals, but Pakistan was always the Pakistan that Iqbal and his worthy dreamers saw, a very specific dream with a specific geography.

Professor K. B. Sayeed in his book: *Pakistan: The Formative Phase* has written an excellent chronology of the development of the idea of Pakistan over a hundred years, and is highly recommended. In that


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NEW DELHI: Although newspaper reports of the MUKTI BAHINI operations in Bangla Desh have been cheering one up lately, the scale of the activities, according to political observers, is too inadequate.

ON THE OTHER HAND, REPORTS REACHING DELHI SPEAK OF A PAKISTANI PLOT OF MASSIVE INFILTRATION OF TRAINED SABOTEURS TO DISRUPT OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT. THE RECENT DERAILING OF GOODS TRAINS SEEMS TO BE THE BEGINNING

SAVE MUJIB... HANG YAHYA!

— R. K. KARANJIA

THE PARANOID YAHYA KHAN AND HIS MORONIC YAHOOS are evidently not satisfied with the rape and murder of a whole state of 75 million people.

THEIR blood-thirst has not been appeased by the savage and merciless slaughter of 500 thousand innocent men, women and children, nor by the barbarous expulsion from their homes and land of 10 million people.

IT does not gratify their sadistic bestiality that while cities, townships and villages have been napalm-bombed and exterminated with cannon and rocket fire, that almost every structure has been razed to the ground, and that the famed rivers of Bangla Desh today flow red with human blood or are choked with the masses of human corpses thrown into them.

THE blood-intoxicated brutes thirst for more blood.

HAVING committed History's vilest crime of genocide against a whole land and its people, they now want to wipe out the leader and symbol of their revolution.

THEY have put BANGA BANDHU MUJIB-UR-REHMAN on a typical Yahoo mis-trial on fabricated charges of high treason and conspiracy against the State; and Yahya Khan has shamelessly proclaimed the judgment even before the impeachment began with his sanguinary announcement that his victim would be dead by the month's end.