

Aminul Islam, *Genocide*, 1972.



Zainul Abedin, *Freedom Fighter.*

"...no power on earth could now frustrate the just and legitimate demands of the 75 million people...If anyone showed his (red) eyes to suppress the people's rights, we would not tolerate and would crush it." (The Morning News, Karachi & Dhaka, 26 March 1971)

"...such atrocities (heavy Pakistan army firing upon civilian population in Rangpur, Saidpur and Joydevpur) and killing of unarmed people shall not go unchallenged. I am confident that the brave sons of Bangla Desh are ready to face all eventualities in order to attain their goal, that is, the emancipation of the people of Bangla Desh." (The Pakistan Times, Lahore, 26 March 1971)

"...if a political solution is desired (by President Yahya Khan) ...it was for them to take matters immediately to a conclusion, and to delay this would expose the country and its people to grave hazards.

"I have repeatedly reaffirmed that all those who live in Bangladesh, regardless of their place of origin or the language they speak, are our people... and (should) take full part in the struggle for emancipation of Bangla Desh. Their life, property and honour are our sacred trust." (The Dawn, Karachi, 26 March 1971)

"...I may be killed, but an independent Bangla Desh would be built on my grave." (on 25 March 1971, to a West Pakistani visitor, as quoted in The Guardian, Manchester, 5 June 1971)

"If I go into hiding they will burn the whole of Dacca to find me." (Report by Simon Dring, The Daily Telegraph, London, 30 March 1971)

"Pakistan armed forces suddenly attacked the East Pakistan Rifles base at Peelkhana and Rajarbagh police station in Dacca at zero hours in March 26, killing a number of unarmed people. Fierce fighting is going on with East Pakistan Rifles at Dacca.

"People are fighting gallantly with the enemy (Pakistan) for the cause of freedom of Bangla Desh. Every section of the people of Bangla Desh are asked to resist the enemy forces at any cost in every corner of Bangla Desh. May Allah bless you and help in your struggle for freedom from the enemy. Jai Bangla." (The Statesman, Delhi, 27 March 1971)

—*Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman*