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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 1010

SUBJECT: SITREP: ARMY TERROR CAMPAIGN CONTINUES IN DACCA;
EVIDENCE MILITARY FACES SOME DIFFICULTIES ELSEWHERE

1. DISTURBING ASPECT OF CURRENT SITUATION IS THAT WANTON ACTS OF VIOLENCE BY MILITARY ARE CONTINUING IN DACCA. AS CASE PREVIOUS NIGHTS, SCATTERED FIRING HEARD THROUGHOUT NIGHT FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF CITY. HINDUS UNDENIABLY SPECIAL FOCUS OF MILITARY BRUTALITY. SEVERAL LARGE FIRES WITNESSED NIGHT OF MARCH 30-31. SHOTS HEARD EMANATING FROM ONE BURNING AREA. CONGEN LOCALS SAY MOST OF THESE AREAS PREDOMINANTLY HINDU. ONE FSL REPORTED HINDU TEMPLE AREA ON HIS STREET SET ON FIRE BY ARMY THIS MORNING.

2. TRUCKLOADS OF PRISONERS SEEN GOING INTO EPR CAMP AT PEELKHANA. STEADY FIRING HEARD IN AREA YESTERDAY AND TODAY. CONGEN OFFICER

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HEARD STEADY FIRING OF APPROXIMATELY 1 SHOT PER TEN SECONDS FOR 30 MINUTES. TOLD SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED FOR WHILE BEFORE THEN.

3. ROUNDUP CONTINUING. ROOM-BY-ROOM CHECK OF HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL CONDUCTED LAST NIGHT BY ARMY NCO AND TWO ENLISTED MEN. REPORTS STUDENT ACTIVISTS STILL BEING PICKED UP. TROOPS IN FIVE ARMY VEHICLES VISITED JAS COMPOUND AT ISPAHANI FLATS WHERE MOTOR POOL ETC. LOCATED AT ABOUT 2215 MARCH 30. SEVERAL SCALED WALLS AND INSPECTED COMPOUND, ALTHOUGH NO WINDOWS OR DOORS FORCED AND NOTHING SEEMED DISTURBED. NIGHT WATCHMEN ON DUTY FLED HOWEVER AT APPROACH OF MILITARY VEHICLES. TROOPS DEPARTED AFTER ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES. GUARDS RETURNED IN MORNING.

4. ATROCITY RALES RAMPANT, INCLUDING THOSE OF RELIABLE EYE-WITNESSES. BENGALI BUSINESSMAN NOT AL SUPPORTER SAW SIX NAKED FEMALE BODIES AT ROKEYA HALL, DACCA U. FEET TIED TOGETHER. BITS OF ROPE HANGING FROM CEILING FANS. APPARENTLY RAPED, SHOT AND HUNG BY HEELS FROM FANS. WORKEMN WHO FORCED DIG ONE OF TWO MASS GRAVES AT DACCA U. REPORT 140 BURIED WITHIN. OTHER GRAVE EQUALLY AS LARGE. JAPANESE REPORT THEY TOLD 400 KILLED THERE. SERVANTS AND UNIVERSITY MAINTENANCE STAFF SHOT DOWN. NUMEROUS REPORTS OF UNPROVOKED KILLINGS, INCLUDING BANK OFFICIAL (NEIGHBOR OF AMERICAN USIS EMPLOYEE) WHO DROVE TO UNIVERSITY TO INQUIRE INTO WHEREABOUTS OF RELATIVE THERE.

5. CENTRAL SHAHID MINAR (MARTYR'S MONUMENT) COMMEMORATING PERSONS KILLED IN 1952 LANGUAGE MOVEMENT DEMOLISHED MARCH 27 BY DEMOLITION CHARGES PLACED THERE BY ARMY.

6. ARMY BROADCASTS MONITORED HERE INDICATED ONE UNIT IN DESPERATE SITUATION NEAR PABNA ON MARCH 30. LOW ON AMMUNITION. CALLED FOR HELP, INCLUDING AIR STRIKES. TOLD TO HOLD OUT "AT ALL COSTS." TOLD HELICOPTER DISPATCHED TO DROP FRESH ARMS AND AMMO. WELL-CONNECTED SENIOR GOEP OFFICIAL (PROTECT SOURCE) TOLD US ARMY HAS CONTROL OF RAG TOWN BUT UNABLE MOVE OUT. BRITISH REPORT

MANY BANGLA DESH FLAGSHSEEN FLYING IN KUSHTIA. ACCORDING OTHER REPORTS INDO-PAK BORDER AREA BETWEEN DINAJPUR AND RAJSHAHI OPEN FOR MOVEMENTS BACK AND FORTH BY "RESISTANCE FORCES." (COMMENT: WE HAVE NO WAY OF EVALUATING THIS INFORMATION. FROM ARMY RADIO BROADCAST IT GATHERED HOWEVER THAT AT LEAST SOME MILITARY UNITS MAY BE FACING DIFFICULTIES IN PABNA AREA. TWO F-86'S SEEN

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TAKING OFF IN THAT GENERAL DIRECTION EARLY THIS MORNING). GP-3.
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