Bangladesh 1971: War Crimes, Genocide and Crimes against Humanity
Operation Search Light: The Targets
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• Operation Search Light : Target

But it was a **Genocide** because:

1. Targets were Bengali Civilians, mostly
2. Undeclared War on the basis of Ethnicity
• According to Asia Times,' at a meeting of the military top brass Yahya Khan declared,"Kill three millions of them, the rest will eat of our hands".
• **Reasons for Students as Principle Targets**

1. Participations in Language Movement
2. Participation in Movement for Autonomy
3. First to Hoist Bangladesh Flag

**Evolution of Bengali Nationalism**
Attack on Dormitories of Dhaka University

• Iqbal Hall (Zahurul Huq Hall)
• Jagannath Hall
• Rokeya Hall (Ref: Blood Report)

200 students killed in Iqbal Hall alone on 25th Night
• Later Attacks on Students

1. Torturous Interrogations
2. Slow and painful killing
3. Even younger students were questioned
   (Personal Story)
Bengali Women as Target of Torture & Atrocities in 1971

- Directly through Rape & Subjugation
- By Applying Genercide where Male Guardians were Killed.
1. Confined in Army Camps & Raped

2. Hit & Run Rape

200,000-400,000 women and girls

Figures couldn’t be ascertained because of social stigma.
• Apart from Torture and Gaining Bestial Pleasure Pakistani Army, it was intended for
• Ethnic Cleansing of the Bengalis and Particularly of the Non-Muslims.
Conclusion

All these forms of torture, not to speak of killing, are forms of genocide and crimes against humanity.