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Letter dated 21 December 1971 from the Permanent
Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Under instructions of my Government, I have the honour to forward to you
the enclosed letter from the President of Pakistan.*

(Signed) A. SHAHI
Permanent Representative of Pakistan
to the United Nations

* Circulated to the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council
in accordance with a note verbale dated 22 December 1971 from the Permanent
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Pakistan Mission to the United Nations

21 December 1971

Excellency,

I have today addressed the following earnest appeal to Heads of State of Government of the countries that are the members of the Security Council. I am sure that this appeal will have your whole-hearted support and that you would use your influence in impressing upon the Security Council the need of most urgent action to stop the carnage and human suffering in East Pakistan.

Yours sincerely,

Zulfikar Ali BHUTTO
President of Pakistan

His Excellency U Thant
Secretary-General of the
United Nations
New York

TEXT OF APPEAL TO HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF COUNTRIES
THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Excellency,

1. It is with a very heavy heart that I address this, my first message to you, for your assistance to alleviate human suffering.
2. News from Dacca is grim. Reports from independent sources, which must have reached you by now, speak of inhuman atrocities and mass murders of innocent people in a part of Pakistan which is now under India's military occupation. To say that these killings and atrocities are being perpetrated by the so-called "Mukti Bahini" does not, and cannot, absolve India of its responsibility to ensure the safety of life and property of the people. The Commanding General of India has publicly stated that the "Mukti Bahini" and all other forces now in East Pakistan are under his effective command.
3. What is happening in Dacca is by no means an isolated affair. Reports of similar incidents are being received from other cities in East Pakistan also.
4. News of this indiscriminate carnage has been received with the gravest concern in Pakistan, and cannot but be viewed with horror throughout the world. I am, therefore, addressing this earnest appeal to you on behalf of the people of Pakistan, and on my own behalf, to use your influence with India most urgently to prevent further carnage. Otherwise that province might soon be engulfed in a wide-spread blood-bath.
5. My Government has already approached the International Red Cross, which has sent some personnel and supplies to Dacca. The need of the hour, however, is for Red Cross presence in greater strength, for assistance by way of medicines and field hospitals in a more massive form. Apart from requesting the International Red Cross to do the needful, and in particular, to ensure compliance with the Geneva Conventions, my Government has also enlisted the support of other friendly Governments to lend their weight in moving the Red Cross and also to take action themselves through humanitarian organizations.
6. An urgent appeal to India by all permanent members of the Security Council and action by them individually in pursuance of these humanitarian objectives would go a long way in bringing peace to that strife-torn land.

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7. I would in particular impress on you immediately to approach the Government of India to take effective measures with all the means at their command to ensure that this carnage stops without loss of time.

I avail of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Zulfikar Ali BHUTTO
