

- [Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami](#) (1943-) - Current leader of Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh's largest Islamic party, author of 19 books. In July 2011 Nizami and 3 other senior JI leaders were arrested in connection with mass killings and other war crimes committed during the 1971 war of independence from Pakistan. The four [reportedly](#) led Islamist militias targeting independence supporters and religious minorities, mostly Hindu. Bengalis claim the Pakistani Muslim army, with the aid of local collaborators, killed [as many as 3 million people](#) during the nine-month war that ended in Bangladesh's independence.

"It is our conviction that the day is not far off when, standing side by side with our armed forces, our youth will raise the victorious flag of Islam the world over by defeating the Hindu Army and finishing off Hindustan". (Daily Sangram, November 14, 1971)

R.J. Rummel writes of a ritual in 1971 reminiscent of Nazi procedure towards [Jewish males](#):

"In what became province-wide acts of genocide, Hindus were sought out and killed on the spot. As a matter of course, soldiers would check males for the obligated circumcision among Moslems. If circumcised, they might live; if not, sure death." (*Death By Government*, p. 323)



"..... we were told to kill the Hindus and Kafirs (non-believer in God). One day in June, we cordoned a village and were ordered to kill the Kafirs in that area. We found all the village women reciting from the Holy Quran, and the men holding special congregational prayers seeking God's mercy. But they were unlucky. Our commanding officer ordered us not to waste any time." ¹

¹ [Confession of a Pakistani Soldier, Bangladesh Genocide Archive](#)

London, 6/13/71, The Sunday Times.....”The Government’s policy for East Bengal was spelled out to me in the Eastern Command headquarters at Dacca. It has three elements:

1. The Bengalis have proved themselves unreliable and must be ruled by West Pakistanis;
2. The Bengalis will have to be re-educated along proper Islamic lines. The – Islamization of the masses – this is the official jargon – is intended to eliminate secessionist tendencies and provide a strong religious bond with West Pakistan;
3. When the Hindus have been eliminated by death and fight, their property will be used as a golden carrot to win over the under privileged Muslim middle-class. This will provide the base for erecting administrative and political structures in the future.”²

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² [Bangladesh Genocide Archive](#)