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Dacca Gives U.N. Rough Greeting

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP)—Bihari women in the Dacca ghetto of Mirpur threw themselves in front of the parked car of the U.N. secretary-general's special representative Saturday to dramatize complaints of mistreatment by the Bangladesh government.

About 500 men and women gathered around the car as Dr. Vittorio Winspeare-Guicciardi tried to get in after a discussion with some of the Biharis beside the road.

Two men crawled beneath the vehicle, which had the U.N. flag on the fender. Others sat in front of it or trucked their heads in front of the wheel, while the crowd closed in and rocked the car, chanting all the while.

"There is murder here. We have no food. Please send us to Pakistan," the crowd shouted.

An aide to the U.N. envoy, who arrived here Friday for a two-day visit, persuaded leaders to disperse the crowd after a minute and the car moved away.

Winspeare-Guicciardi toured the compact ghetto for about three hours under escort of a Bangladesh army lieutenant colonel. The Italian diplomat is gathering information for a report to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim on the 1.5 million Biharis—non-Bengali Moslems in Bangladesh and the 400,000 Biharis in Pakistan.

Bengalis and Biharis have been feuding for years in Bangladesh, but the dispute reached a peak during the last 9½ months of turmoil in East Pakistan that resulted in the new state of Bangladesh.

Many Biharis who supported the Pakistani army crackdown in the province allegedly committed atrocities and many Bengalis retaliated against the Biharis after the surrender of the Pakistan army Dec. 16.

The Italian diplomat said the Bangladesh prime minister, Sheik Mujibur Rahman, told him that he thought the best solution to the Bihari problem would be a trade of the Bengalis in Pakistan for the Biharis in Bangladesh.

Winspeare-Guicciardi said he is flying to Islamabad today to ask President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto for his thoughts on the suggestion.