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DEATH TOLL HIGH IN BIHAR RIOTING

Will Be Given in Five Figures, Moslems Say

CALCUTTA — Two Moslem spokesmen said today the death toll from communal rioting in Bihar Province would be "high in five figures and twice that number wounded."

The two spokesmen, members of the Bengal Legislative Assembly, returned recently from a tour of the Bihar riot areas. They said "hundreds of thousands" of Moslems were homeless as a result of the riots and that property damage would reach a high figure.

"Hundreds of villages have been reduced to ashes," they said in a press statement. A dispatch from Patna to the Calcutta Statesman said the only signs of life in one village were two dogs sleeping under the debris of ruined buildings. The dispatch said the villagers apparently had fled before their homes were destroyed by fire.

Four hundred people, including women and children, reportedly were massacred in one of the larger villages of Bihar Province, according to the Statesman dispatch.