

Excavation of canals in full swing

Re-excavation and fresh digging of the old and the new canals under the mass participation schemes have been going on in various parts of the country, reports BSS.

The schemes drawn up in pursuance of the call of President Ziaur Rahman, to boost food production are being participated by the peoples' representatives Government and semi-government officials. An-

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sars, Police, teachers and students.

On implementation of these schemes food production, according to local people, would increase many times within the shortest possible time.

According to reports from Rajshahi, the re-excavation of eight canals on voluntary labour in different parts of the district began Saturday through participation of thousands of people from all walks of life.

The two-mile long Behula-Bilgoucha-Mohipur canal digging scheme began Saturday which was participated by thousands of people including members of Parliament, Government employees, teachers and students. The project when completed will provide irrigation facilities to three thousand acres of land.

The three and a half-mile long Mukhtapur - Halidatachi canal began Sunday and when completed will extend irrigation facilities to about 15 hundred acres of land, five and a half-mile long Shibnadi canal in Manda thana also began on Sunday. It will provide irrigation facilities to five thousand acres of land.

The digging of Madarpur-Dubai canal under Godagari canal and Patchpuruli canal in Natore began Monday.