

# Canal digging

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 was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister Mr. S A Bari AT Labour Minister Mr. Reazuddin Ahmed and Kazi Golam Mahbub Vice President BNP.

The second chapter of canal digging under the first phase of peaceful revolution began on Saturday with the inauguration of the Chirir river excavation project. It is expected that a total of 700 canals and rivers will be excavated and re-excavated during the current year. When completed about 15 to 20 lakh acres of land will come under winter irrigation in the project areas. On December 1 last year President Ziaur Rahman inaugurated the canal digging programme as the first phase of his peaceful revolution.

## LALMONIRHAT

BSS adds: "from Dinajpur the President went to Lalmonirhat in Rangpur and then to Bogra and Tangail for similar functions as the people all over the country swung into action to make the programme a success to double the food production a few years time.

The district officials said the response the people for voluntary participation would be larger than last time.

The substantial gain achieved last time to increase food production encouraged them to

volunteer greater participation hoping for a bigger success in future.

President Zia told them that the success under the first phase gave them a higher food production.

This time he was confident the production would go still higher "the benefit of which you yourself will share as you did last time."

## S A BARI AT

The Deputy Prime Minister S A Bari AT who was also present on the occasion earlier told the rally that a section of political elements were trying to create hurdle in the way of successful implementation of the canal digging programme. He said these were designed to obstruct efforts for the welfare of the people.

Mr. Reazuddin Ahmed Minister for Labour and Industrial Welfare was also present on the occasion.

Addressing the rally Mrs. Hasina Rahman local MP said womenfolk were ready to work shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts for successful implementation of the canal digging programme and mass literacy drive.