



President Ziaur Rahman inaugurated the work of voluntary re-excavation of Hisna Nadi at Husnabad (Kushtia) on Friday. Photo: PID.

Dig canals to offset vagaries of nature: Zia

HUSNABAD (Kushtia)
Dec. 14: President Ziaur Rahman inaugurated here today the work of voluntary re-excavation of Hisna river by the local people, reports BSS.

President Zia himself participated in the re-excavation work of the silted river along with thousands of people. The Hisna which takes off from the Mathabhanga river at Mahishakandi and falls into the same river at Khalishakandi will be re-excavated from Mahishakandi to Tajpur a stretch of over 10 miles.

The river which is now 50 feet wide, will be widened to 65 feet and its depth of four feet will be increased to 10 feet. Seven thousand acres of lands will be benefited by the irrigation facilities helping local farmers to grow three crops a year.

When completed 70 thousand people in 35 villages under Ramkrishnapur Pragpur Mathurapur Philipnagar Moricha, Hogalbaria and Fearpur unions will be benefited.

The project will help in increasing an additional production of 20 thousand maunds of paddy, 1.75 lakh maunds of wheat and cash crops like

jute, sugarcane tobacco, mustard and pulses of several lakh maunds annually. It is expected to be completed by the end of May 1980.

Earlier addressing the participants—over 20 thousand at the site of the project President Zia urged them to take up more such projects on voluntary basis throughout the country so that the vagaries of nature (including drought) could be off-set in doubling food production.

Congratulating the people of the area for taking up the project on voluntary basis, he said that the country-wide re-excavation programme would provide round-the-year irrigation facilities to the farmers to produce huge quantity of additional foodgrains.

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman Deputy Prime Minister Mr Maudud Ahmed Home Minister Lt Col (Retd) Mustazur Rahman Cultural and Religious Affairs Minister Mr Shamsul Huda Choudhury Port Shipping and IWT Minister Capt. (Retd) Nurul Haq Planning Minister Dr Fasihuddin Mahtab and Land Reform and Land Administra-

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tion Minister Mr Abdul Haq were among others who participated in the re-excavation work.

The President said that the people wanted politics of revolution and added 'We have given the programme of revolution to improve the lot of 8.5 crore people and there is no other alternative to this revolution.' He said that the BNP would provide leadership to this revolution and urged each and every citizen to take part in it. 'We shall have to bring about a big transformation in the people's life and condition' he added.

SHAH AZIZ..

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman said that the re-excavation of the river would help the local people to improve their condition by undertaking round the year cultivation to increase productivity. He said that the project would help in producing additional output of 60,000 worth Taka 100 crore. Similarly, he added, the production of other crops would also go up.

He listed different commitments of the present government including improvement of law and order situation and creation of an atmosphere conducive to development work. He pointed out that the peace and security of life had also been ensured and sought the cooperation of the people in the development of national economy to improve the lot of commonman.