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tion a success. The President assured the audience that their local problems, including construction of a bridge and setting up of a mini-stadium, would be solved.

MOHAMMADULLAH

Speaking briefly on the occasion, former President Mr Mohammadullah said that he personally tried to solve the problems of the locality during Awami League period but those were not adequate. He thanked the Government of President Ziaur Rahman for its pragmatic approach in solving the problems and hoped that the revolution launched by the President would prove successful with people's cooperation.

In his presidential speech, Mr Abul Hasnat said that massive programme to remove illiteracy from the country would be taken from February 21 the Shaheed Day. He assured that the city dwellers would not lag behind in the efforts for making the revolution a success.

Earlier, on his arrival at Lalbagh Char playground, the President was given a rousing reception by thousands of people, including men, women and children. School children lined up on both sides of the road from the Lalbagh Fort end to the ground and showered flower petals on the President.

The Kamrangirchar project includes digging of a three mile long canal connecting Lalbagh Char with river Buriganga, excavation of ponds and construction of Lalbagh-Kamrangirchar link road along with a bridge.

The project to be implemented by the Dacca Municipal Corporation with voluntary participation will provide better irrigation as well as navigational facilities and help develop local fishery. It will also solve the long standing communication problem of the people of Kamrangirchar with the main city.

## Kamrangir Char canal re-excavation opens

# BNP to redeem all polls pledges : Zia

By A Staff Reporter

President Ziaur Rahman has said that Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will redeem all its election pledges to the people through the implementation of the revolution launched by the Government.

Addressing a big rally at Lalbagh Char in the city while inaugurating the Kamrangir Char canal re-excavation and development project on Thursday, President Zia reminded the audience that during the last election campaigns he had made it clear that no tangible change could be brought about in the socio-economic order of the

country without a revolution. "Bangladesh Nationalist Party is now in the field to fulfil its pledge to change the condition of the people through a revolution", he said.

Presided over by Mr Abul Hasnat, Mayor, Dacca Municipal Corporation, the rally was also addressed by former President of Bangladesh Mr Mohammadullah, Alhaj Nazir Husain, local Ward Commissioner and Mr Khane Alam Khan, Divisional Commissioner. Mr Jahangir Mohammad Adel and Dr Abdur Rouf, MPs were also present.

President Zia said that the objectives of the revolution were clear and understandable even to the children. It aims at increasing food production so that an exportable surplus could be left even after meeting the country's needs. The foreign exchange earned through such exports could be utilised for the country's development. The second phase of the revolution aimed at removing illiteracy to enable masses to participate in the nation

building activities more effectively, he said.

RESIST BKSALITES

President Zia said that at a time when the people were eager to develop their country as a self-reliant one, the BKSALites had started the politics of destruction.

He sounded a clarion call to resist the BKSALites politically. President Zia observed that from the manner that the BKSALites had destroyed national property, it was evident that they did not love the country and its people.

The President said that in the past politicians used to indulge in palace politics after winning elections. Bangladesh Nationalist Party had not done so. It has come to the people to fulfil its election pledges, he said.

Hundreds of men, women and children at the rally raised their hands to express their solidarity with him when President Zia sought their cooperation in making the revolution a success.

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President Ziaur Rahman addressing a huge public meeting at Kamrangir Char, Dacca on Thursday. —PID