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## Additional 6 lakh tons foodgrains produced this yr

CHITTAGONG, Aug. 6: Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Jamaluddin Ahmed said here today that additional six lakh tons of foodgrains was produced this year as a result of re-excavation of 182 canals under the government's country-wide canal digging programme reports BSS.

He said that during the next year 300 more canals would be excavated and added that this would go long way in attaining food autarky in the country.

Mr. Ahmed was addressing as chief guest at a BNP workers' conference held at Pahartali here in the afternoon.

Deputy Speaker, Mr. Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury was the special guest at the conference organised by the local branch of the party and was also addressed by Deputy Minister for Local Government and Rural Development Mrs. Kamrunnahar Jaffar.

Mr. Ahmed said that 15 lakh

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tons of wheat was produced in the country this year and its production would reach 40 lakh tons next year.

Referring to the BNP politics that his party had been success

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mitments it has so far made to the people.

He said that the present Government allowed all kinds of democratic rights of the people including freedom of the Press.

Strongly criticising the policies of the opposition the Deputy Prime Minister said that they were engaged in mud-slinging among themselves and power rivalry forgetting their obligations to the people and the nation.

Mr. Ahmed said that the present Government was lawfully installed people's government and no power could unseat it through any conspiracy.

Referring to the Bangladeshi nationalism the Deputy Speaker said that the people of the country had once again rejected the foreignisms and accepted the Bangladeshi nationalism through their verdict in the last elections.

Referring to the price-spiral in the country, the Deputy Speaker said that this was due to the present global inflationary situation.

He further said that the prices had increased less in Bangladesh compared to other countries in this connection. He pointed out that the present prices of foodgrains oil and other industrial goods were much higher in the world market than ever before.

The Deputy Speaker observed that the able leadership of President Ziaur Rahman had given the nation a new sense of direction and spirit of self-reliance.