

Excavate canals for doubling food output

FARIDPUR, Nov 18: President Ziaur Rahman today reiterated his call to the people to participate voluntarily in a mass-scale for excavation of canals throughout the country, reports BSS.

Addressing public meetings at Baishrashi, Batikamari, Patgati and Dingamanik, the President said that the people of this country had given mandate to this Government in the last two elections to launch a revolution and now the time had come when they should actively work to carry it forward for improvement of the lot of the commonman.

He described the digging of canals as the first step towards materialising the revolution and said that the goal before the nation was now fixed and there was no alternative but to excavate canals for doubling food production.

In all these meetings, the people expressed their spontaneous and whole-hearted support to the call of President Zia for digging canals by rais-

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ing slogans welcoming the 'revolution' and canal digging programme.

Turning to the local problems, the President said that the Government had taken various plans for the development of Faridpur district which had been neglected in the past. He urged the people to utilise the water of the rivers passing through the district for irrigation by digging canals.

The President returned to Dacca in the afternoon.