

## Make canal digging programme a success

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RAJSHAHI, Dec. 23: Home Minister Lt. Col. (Retd.) Mustafizur Rahman today called upon the people to participate in canal digging programmes for doubling food production in the country, reports BSS.

The Minister was addressing the people who gathered to re-excavate the Matikata Dudhai Khal in Godagari about 18 miles from here.

Lt. Col. Mustafiz, who himself took part in the re-excavation of the canal, told the gathering that the canal digging programme was the first revolution of the Government and called upon all to make it a total success.

Local people here have already re-excavated one-and-a-half-mile canal on voluntary labour. When completed, it will help irrigate about 600 acres of land in the project area.

The Minister was accompanied, among others by Prof. Ekramul Haq member, national standing committee of the BNP.

Later, the Home Minister visited the border out posts at Preamali, Godagari and Hakirpur and asked the BDR jawans to keep constant vigilance in rooting out smuggling in the border areas.