

President urges youths to help dig canals

Members of the Jatiyo Jubo Sangstha on Tuesday took a pledge to work for the country wide canal digging programme and mobilise youths throughout the country to work for it, reports BSS.

They made this pledge when President Ziaur Rahman urged them to do so at a meeting held at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in Dacca on Tuesday afternoon.

Addressing the members of the national youth organisation President Zia called upon the youth representatives to put in their sincere and hard labour to make the programme a success "This is vital for our national uplift specially to make the country self-reliant in foodgrains" he observed.

He said so far over one

hundred schemes for digging canals throughout the country have been listed and if these could be dug in due time the country would be able to produce huge quantities of foodgrains. "These crops" he said "will be guaranteed because there will be no natural calamities during the season".

Referring to the canal digging programmes which would be started from first week of the next month the President said that people from all walks of life must participate in the programme and work hard to make it a success. "Those who will remain isolated they will be condemned by the masses" he added.

Explaining the Government objectives for digging canals throughout the country he said to obtain the objective of doubling food production in the country within a shortest possible time these canals would play a vital role.

He advised the youth representatives to mobilise youth force throughout the country and take personal initiatives in this "important" programme.

State Minister for Youth Development Mr. Abul Kashem also attended the function.