

# Digging of canals yields 6 lakh ton more grains

CHITTAGONG Aug. 6:—Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Jamaluddin Ahmed said here today that additional six lakh tons of food grains 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 a long way in attaining food autarky in the country

Mr Ahmed was addressing as the chief guest at a BNP workers conference held at Pahar, talli 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 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 Mr Jamaluddin Ahmed said that his party had been successfully materialising all commitments 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 politics 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

Deputy Speaker Mr Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury said that

the Government had undertaken the massive Second Five-Year Plan with the aim of achieving self reliance and greater degree of equitable distribution of income and arresting the population explosion in the country

He said the objective of the Plan was to achieve rapid economic growth with social justice

Referring to the Bangladeshi nationalism the Deputy Speaker said that the people of the country had once again rejected the foreignisms and accentuated the Bangladeshi nationalism through their verdict in the last election (Continued on page 12 col 1)

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tions. 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 foodgrain, 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