

President Zia's speech at Bhairab Bazar  
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"We now have to launch a movement for building up the country and in this task every man and woman must participate", the President said. He listed removal of illiteracy, increasing food production by bringing every inch of fallow land and every derelict pond under agriculture and pisciculture and containing population explosion as important tasks on our hand. He again called for planting fruit plants on both sides of railway tracks. He also stressed the need for poultry farming.

The President, who told the people about the various Government steps for decentralisation of administration, appealed to them to remain united. He told the local leadership to provide the people with "no other leadership than the leadership of work".

President Ziaur Rahman emphatically said that Bangladeshi nationalism must be made the basis of all our endeavours. No other foreign "ism" will do in Bangladesh, he declared. Basing all our works on Bangladeshi nationalism only can we work for the future generations, he added.

The President outlined the various steps taken by the government for the development of the haor areas. The task was big and, therefore, the local people must also come forward to lend a hand to the Government, the President said.

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