

Resist bid to establish two-party democracy

Urge Jamaat leaders

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Any attempt to establish a two-party democracy will be resisted, said Jamaat leaders yesterday.

They were speaking at a rally at the north corner of Baitul Mokarram Mosque marking the Ballot Revolution Day.

'Dialogues can be held, but any decision has to be taken after the consensus from all the representatives in the parliament as Bangladesh is a country of multi-party democracy', Industries Minister and Jamaat Ameer Matiur Rahman Nizami said.

The constitution has to be upheld and cannot be violated, he added.

Jamaat Secretary General and Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid, Deputy Leader of the parliament lawmaker Abdus Sobhan, Assistant Secretary General Mohammad Quamruzzaman and Delwar Hossain Saidee were present at the meeting.



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The Tongi Diversion Road between Tejgaon Shat Rasta intersection and Nabisco intersection goes under knee-deep water following a torrential rain in the morning yesterday.

CORRUPTION IN POWER SECTOR 'Govt misappropriates Tk 14,000 cr in 5 years'

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During the last five years, BNP-Jamaat alliance government misappropriated around Tk 14,000 crore only through corruption in the power sector, said leaders of National Committee for the Protection of Oil-Gas-Power-Port at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium in the city yesterday.

If this huge amount of money had been spent properly, Bangladesh could have set up a couple of power plants capable of producing 3000 megawatt (MW) electricity whereas the country has now a deficit of 2000 MW power because of widespread corruption in this sector, they added.

Regarding coal policy, Member Secretary of the Committee Prof Anu Muhammad said if the government delays to cancel agreement

with Asia Energy, they would launch movement again.

He also said they want application of environment-friendly technology, which would have least adverse effect on the environment as well as on the livelihood of common people.

In the next two months, the Committee members will exchange views with experts and different professional groups and in December they will hold a convention on the methods of extracting coal and its best use in the city, he added.

Convener of the Committee Engr Sheikh Muhammad Shahidullah and Prof M Shamsul Alam of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology also spoke on the occasion.