

Govt will be forced to accept reform proposals

Jalil tells FFs confce

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Awami League (AL) General Secretary Abdul Jalil yesterday said the BNP-led coalition government would be forced to accept the electoral and caretaker government reform proposals placed by the opposition parties.

"If the government does not respond positively to our reform proposals, we would launch movement and force the government to accept it," he said while speaking at a conference of the Liberation War Commanders of Dhaka city.

Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsad Central Command Council organised the conference at the Engineers' Institution Auditorium.

"The reform proposals are not aimed at dislodging any particular party from the power, rather the objective of the caretaker government reform is to give the democracy an institutional shape," said AL general secretary.

He said they would form public opinion across the country in favour of the 31-point electoral and caretaker government reform proposals.

Terming the BNP-Jamaat coalition as 'enemy of the country's independence', Jalil said freedom fighters and progressive political parties should be united to oust the government.

He regretted that the anti-liberation forces are ruling the country because of the division among the pro-liberation forces and lack of their commitment.

The AL general secretary mentioned that they would observe 'Freedom Fighters Day' on December 1 every year to motivate them.

Speaking on the occasion, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Haque Inu said freedom fighters in the country are now passing their days in agony due to indifference of the government.

"The BNP-led coalition govern-

ment does not want freedom fighters to live in peace and prosperity as they (coalition government) do not believe in the liberation war," Inu said.

He urged the freedom fighters to be united to uproot the anti-liberation forces from the country.

Presided over by Dhaka Mahanagar Mukti Joddha Sangsad Convenor Fakir Sheikh Ziauddin Ahmed, the conference was also addressed by Chairman of Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsad Central Command Council Principal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, President of Dhaka University Teachers' Association AAMS Arefin Siddique and Mukti Joddha Sangsad leader Alexander Rodrick.

Earlier, the conference was inaugurated with the hoisting of national and organisational flags.

A colorful rally of the freedom fighters was brought out after the second session of the discussion.