

'BNP should rethink about alliance with Jamaat'

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Reforms in all political parties including BNP and LDP is a must, said Shaikh Razzak Ali, former speaker and LDP presidium

member.

Talking to this correspondent at his residence on Wednesday night, he said absolute power in the hand of any party chief does not help build up healthy politics.

Razzak said he had soft corner for BNP till the last day of quitting the party.

"But I had no reason to remain there any more being one of the most neglected man of the party for which we had to work through a lot of trials and tribulations," he added.

CASE AGAINST MINU

Charge sheet submitted to Rajshahi court

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Police yesterday placed a charge sheet before the Rajshahi Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court for acceptance against Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu in an extortion case.

The CMM court, however, fixed June 6 for hearing on the charge sheet acceptance.

Sub-Inspector Abdur Rahman Sarkar of Rajpara Police Station pressed the charges against 11 persons, including Minu, on May 16. But the case documents were shifted to a judge's court following two miss cases regarding ad interim bail prayer of two accused in the case.

Minu, however, was freed on an anticipatory bail from the High Court in connection with the case.

Other accused in the case include district Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Vice-President Nazrul Huda, former city BNP general secretary Shafikul Haque Milon, BNP supporters Tahajuddin, Mainul Islam, Ranju, Ashraf, Shamsul, Sentu and Abdullah Al Mamun.

Opposing the politics of family dynasty, the former speaker blamed a coterie for inviting trouble for BNP which was founded by late president Ziaur Rahman for the greater interest of the country.

He said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia must know that the sycophants who surrounded her for power and pelf are now out to doom her political career.

How BNP could trust Jamaat, that opposed the liberation war, for forming an alliance? questioned Razzak.

He suggested Khaleda to rethink whether she can avoid an anti-liberation force next time when the ban on politics would be lifted.