

National consensus against boycott of JS, hartal a must for democracy

Speakers tell discussion

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Speakers at a view exchange meeting yesterday underscored the need for national consensus against boycott of Parliament and hartal for the sake of sustaining democracy.

Swadhinata Forum organised the meeting titled 'Necessity of national consensus to avert boycott of National Parliament and hartal' at Jatiya Press Club in the city.

Speaking on the occasion, adviser to the BNP chairperson Brig Gen (Retd) ASM Hannan Shah said parliamentarians of other countries only walk out when they

are not given due opportunities in the parliaments. But in Bangladesh, boycott of parliament go for days after days, he added.

Hartal should be staged when it concerns national interests, he said adding it should not be staged on trivial matters, as it never brings any good for the country.

Both the issues are sensitive and the political parties will have to give specific declaration regarding both the issues in their electoral manifestos, he added.

Jatiya Party leader GM Quader said though the parliament was supposed to be the centre of all activities, successive parliamentarians always boycotted it.

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