



## Fakhrul: BNP does not endorse all govt actions but wants its success



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The BNP leader emphasized that they want the government to successfully hold the election and expressed their willingness to cooperate rather than see it fail. Addressing the gathering, Fakhrul said: "People take to the streets for any issue nowadays, but that is not a responsible approach. Be patient. A fascist regime has been removed. A new government is in place. While we do not support all of its actions, we do not want it to fail either. We want this government to successfully conduct the election. We have said this from the beginning and have extended our cooperation accordingly." He further said: "We have reviewed the proposed reforms and engaged in discussions with them.

Everyone must remember that this opportunity we have received should not be wasted. Our adversaries are setting traps to provoke us, to incite us into disrupting law and order. But we must not take the law into our own hands. Instead, we must work together to lead the country towards a fair election, ensuring that the people can elect their representatives." Criticizing the former Awami League government and Sheikh Hasina, Fakhrul said: "The fascist Awami League regime had a well-orchestrated plan to eliminate political opposition in this country, ensuring that only their party remained in power. They systematically destroyed all state institutions, including the electoral system. People were not allowed to vote or even approach polling stations. In 2014, there was no real election—154 candidates were declared elected unopposed. The polling centers were deserted, with only stray dogs wandering around. At that time, Shafiul Alam Pradhan called it a 'dog-marked election.'"

He continued: "In 2018, Sheikh Hasina personally engaged with us, made promises, and assured us of a fair election. In the interest of democracy, we participated. But what did we witness? Our candidates were arrested beforehand. They were not allowed to campaign. Ballots were stamped the night before. It was a midnight election. Then... another sham election was conducted, where Awami League candidates faced off against their own party members. It was a mockery of democracy."