



Parties Boycotting the Upcoming Election Will Be ‘Minus’: Salahuddin Ahmed



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BNP Standing Committee member Salahuddin Ahmed has said that any political party boycotting the upcoming national election will automatically exclude itself from the political field.

He made the remark on Tuesday (August 26) at a press conference held at his residence in Gulshan, Dhaka.

Salahuddin stated that the national election will be held in early February 2026, and there is no uncertainty about this among the Election Commission, the government, or the BNP. While it is a party's own decision whether to participate or not, boycotting would make them “minus.” He added that no political party would want to take such a risk.

Referring to the “July Declaration,” Salahuddin said that certain parts of it are not acceptable to the BNP. However, there will be opportunities to discuss alternative proposals. He emphasized that the BNP will not accept any conditions that go beyond the Constitution, but he expressed hope that a rational solution would emerge through dialogue among political parties.

On constitutional reform, he mentioned that amendments can only be achieved through consensus. Some provisions, if implemented immediately, may lead to conflict, so reforms will be carried out after the national election.

Regarding the interim government issue, he said that the current government is functioning constitutionally and BNP does not want to create unnecessary complications. However, he stressed that regardless of which government is in power, the judicial process must continue.

On the matter of alliances, the BNP leader revealed that discussions are ongoing with several Islamist parties. He clarified that while the BNP upholds Islamic values, there is no possibility of forming an alliance with Jamaat-e-Islami.