



National Consensus Commission Extends Deadline for Submitting Opinions on July Charter



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The National Consensus Commission has extended the deadline for political parties to submit their opinions on the July National Charter. Parties can now submit their feedback by 3:00 PM on August 22. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has already submitted its response. The draft charter includes references to several historic events as well as proposals for legal obligations. According to a statement from the commission on Wednesday (August 20), political parties now have until Friday (August 22) afternoon to send in their opinions. On the same day, BNP confirmed that it had already submitted its feedback on the July Charter. This was confirmed by Salahuddin Ahmed, a member of the party's Standing Committee. Earlier, on August 16, the draft of the July Charter was circulated to political parties. The draft cites historical events such as the Pilkhana massacre, the Shapla Square incident, and the 2018 quota movement as its background. The final draft states that the provisions, proposals, and recommendations of the charter will have constitutional and legal validity, and therefore, their legitimacy, necessity, or issuing authority cannot be questioned in court. It also mentions that recommendations which can be implemented immediately must be executed by the government before the next national parliamentary election.