Jamaat Upholds Religion but Does Not Exploit It Says Dr Shafiqur Rahman

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Jamaat-e-Islami Amir Dr Shafiqur Rahman says the party works for the people, not personal or party interests, and bases its politics on religious values rather than using religion as a political tool.

Jamaat-e-Islami Amir Dr Shafiqur Rahman stated that the party's politics are not driven by personal or party gain, but by public service. He emphasized that Jamaat does not use religion as a political instrument, but rather operates based on religious values. The remarks came after a meeting with a European Union delegation on Monday, December 8.

Dr Shafiqur Rahman said the discussion covered political developments, election preparations, and the referendum. In response to EU delegates' questions, he noted that holding the national election and the referendum on the same day could cause voter confusion and disorder. He mentioned that the EU delegation advised keeping the two elections separate and added that it is still possible to do so if the government desires.

Speaking on Jamaat's vision if they come to power, Dr Shafiqur Rahman said, "We do not intend to run the government excluding any party. Our main priorities over the next five years will be restoring stability, reviving the economy, and establishing the rule of law." He added that they aim to form a government with those who share their commitment to zero tolerance for corruption and ensuring equal justice for all.

On concerns about political stagnation due to Khaleda Zia's health, he responded that health and illness are in God's hands, but the country's progress should not depend on an individual's condition.

Dr Shafiqur Rahman also stressed the importance of holding the February elections on schedule, warning that even a minor delay could lead to national uncertainty. He called on all political parties to unite for the sake of the country.