



## Tarique Rahman Calls for Unity to Restore Democracy



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On International Day of Democracy, BNP's acting chairman Tarique Rahman urged everyone to work together to restore democracy in the country. He highlighted free and fair elections, an independent judiciary, and a free media as the foundation for national reform. Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir also emphasized the importance of ensuring a continuous sequence of neutral elections to make democracy permanent.

On the occasion of International Day of Democracy, Tarique Rahman, BNP's acting chairman, said in a Facebook post on Sunday evening (14 September) that restoring democracy in Bangladesh requires collective effort. He stated that free, fair, and participatory elections would form the foundation for national reform. He also called for ensuring the independence of the judiciary and the media, along with institutional implementation of all core principles of democracy.

Tarique Rahman further alleged that democracy has been obstructed in the country over the past one and a half decades due to Awami fascism.

Separately, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said that as long as democratic practices continue, no autocratic force can dominate. He noted that although victory was achieved through the historic blood-soaked movements of July–August, full democracy has not yet been realized. He stressed that to make democracy permanent, it is crucial to maintain a continuous sequence of neutral elections.