

Students, Nagorik committee: We'll form a political party within 2 months

Committee convener says 'no polls before trials of all AL miscreants'



From the left: Nasir Uddin Nasir, Abdul Hannan Masud, Mahir Shahriar Reza. Photos: Collected

The Anti-Discrimination Student Movement and Jatiya Nagorik Committee are planning to form a new political party within a month or two, said Nasiruddin Patwary, convener of the Jatiya Nagorik Committee.

"We are currently a political initiative, born out of the 2024 mass uprising, comprising forces that defeated Awami fascism and aim to rebuild Bangladesh," he told reporters after paying tributes at the National Mausoleum in Savar marking Victory Day yesterday.



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Their vision is to present Bangladesh as a dreamland in South Asia and on the global stage.

"With this goal in mind, the Jatiya Nagorik Committee and the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement will introduce a promising political party within the next month or two."

About elections taking place by the first half of 2026, Nasiruddin told reporters that the new party would never support holding the next general polls until "all the Awami League miscreants" are tried for their role in the civilian killing spree during the July-August uprising.

The country has a history of holding elections without trying the killers of peaceful anti-government protesters whenever a forcible regime change occurs, he said, while urging all to work towards ensuring justice against the AL.

"...Even after 1971, we have not yet been able to hold trials for those who stood against the people of Bangladesh in 1971. We have not yet seen justice for those killed in 1990. Taking lessons from 90 and 71, there will be no elections before the trial of 2024," he said.

He further said if there is an election before the trial of 2024, the 2,000 martyrs and millions injured will not get any justice.

"To this end, we call on all parties, factions, and groups to be active in the judicial process and fulfil the dream of Bangladeshis," he said.

Through the July-August uprising, the country also gained independence from Indian hegemony, Nasiruddin said, while cautioning the young generation to stay active against conspiracies being hatched by New Delhi and the AL.