

‘We have nothing to comment on US mission’s recommendations,’ says Momen

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Online Desk: Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen on Sunday said they have nothing to make any comment like – yes or no – regarding the recommendations made by the US pre-election assessment delegation comprised of representatives from International Republican Institute (IRI) and National Democratic Institute (NDI).

“They have given their opinion. It’s their opinion. These are nothing different. We don’t think it is very important,” he told reporters while responding to a question.

Momen said many foreigners take fun of discussing elections issues and some media also inspire them.

He said they are always ready to discuss with all and in the MoFA they are having continuous dialogue.

Responding to another question, Momen said they want voters, not depending on foreign observers.

He also said they do not go to the foreigners but foreigners come to Bangladesh to discuss bilateral and Rohingya issues.

The bipartisan and international pre-election delegation comprised of representatives from IRI and NDI on Sunday said that it is the people of Bangladesh who will ultimately determine the credibility and legitimacy of their elections and their country’s democratic development.

The delegation offered their pre-election statement in the “spirit of supporting and strengthening” democratic institutions in Bangladesh.

The delegation offered the recommendations below as a roadmap for progress toward credible, inclusive, participatory, and nonviolent elections that can advance #Bangladesh’s democracy.

They are outlined as

- Moderate rhetoric and engage in open and substantive dialogue on key election issues.
- Protect freedom of expression and ensure an open civic space where dissent is respected.
- Commit to nonviolence and hold perpetrators of political violence accountable.
- Create conditions to allow all parties to engage in meaningful political competition, including bolstering independent election management.
- Promote a culture of inclusive and active electoral participation among citizens.