

It's people's government: Hasan Mahmud

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Online Desk: Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud on Sunday said the current government is the people's government elected by their votes.

"This is a people's government. It is a government elected by the people of Bangladesh," he told reporters when a reporter drew his attention to BNP's remarks regarding the government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

On Saturday, BNP standing committee member Gayeshwar Chandra Roy said that the current government is not elected by the people of Bangladesh as it has been installed by India, China and Russia.

The foreign minister said Bangladesh's foreign policy is – friendship to all, malice towards none and the government maintains an excellent relationship with all the countries in the world except Israel.

"We have excellent relations with India, China and Russia. We also have excellent relations with the US, UK and the European Union. We have a very good relationship with all the countries," said the Awami League joint general secretary.

Earlier on Saturday, Hasan Mahmud had said the people of the country have already shown a black flag to the BNP by participating in the January 7 national election and re-electing Sheikh Hasina as prime minister.

He made the remark when his attention was drawn to the BNP's latest programme – a black flag procession.

"Besides, before the elections, BNP had repeatedly knocked on the foreigners' doors. But they also sent observers to monitor the elections and praised the election procedures," said the foreign Minister.

The AL leader said the global leaders congratulated Sheikh Hasina's government and expressed interest in working together. "That means the foreigners have also shown a red flag to the BNP," he said.