

AL govt is committed to sustaining country's progress: Quader

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Online Desk: Awami League (AL) General Secretary Obaidul Quader today reiterated that the incumbent government is committed to sustaining the country's advancement.

"Bangladesh Awami League never leaves the interest of the country in the face of any conspiracy and pressure...it never bows down to anyone and will not do so. We are committed to maintaining the advancement of Bangladesh," he said in a statement.

Quader, also the road transport and bridges minister, said the AL is always committed to flourishing democracy in the country and it remains open the path of freedom of expression for anyone aiming to make the journey of democracy smooth and establish the ideology of democracy.

To this end, he said, acknowledging the reforms the AL bought to sustain the country's democracy and electoral system, anyone interested can submit his or her proposals to make the path of democracy smooth.

Quader said the AL is not only working to go to the state power through elections but also to strengthen the base of the country's democracy.

About the BNP's proposal of holding dialogue, he said BNP leaders are irrationally placing the issue of dialogue in media but the BNP's demand of dialogue is meaningless as the party is isolated from people.

"BNP was involved in destructive politics ahead of the 12th general elections, ignoring political norms. Although the honorable President and the Election Commission asked BNP to join dialogue, it did not respond. Instead, the party continued ill-efforts to foil the polls," he said.

The AL general secretary said the BNP always places the demand of dialogue on condition of the resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and even the party created anarchy in the country ahead of the last general elections in the name of its one-point movement – toppling the government.

"But the country's people did not respond to their (BNP) irrational demand. We are also unequivocally stating that there is no scope of holding dialogue on condition," he said.

Recalling that Prime Minister and AL President Sheikh Hasina phoned BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia, ahead of the 10th general elections, asking her to join a dialogue, Quader said Khaleda behaved in an offensive manner with the AL president during their telephonic conversation and the country's people have not yet forgotten her behavior.

The same way when Sheikh Hasina went to the residence of Khaleda after the death of her son Koko, the BNP chief sent Sheikh Hasina back from her home's gate violating the political norms absolutely and made the path of dialogue closed.