

Bangladesh is being pushed to subordination of another country: Rizvi

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Online Desk: BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi on Tuesday alleged that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government has pushed Bangladesh to cultural, political and economic subordination of a neighbouring country.

He said this while distributing Eid clothes among the poor on behalf of BNP acting Chairman Tarique Rahman during an event organized by Zia Projanmo Dal (ZPD) at the party's Nayapalton central office.

"They are trying to repress whatever is our own and derives from our soil," the BNP leader said.

Rizvi said those who can afford usually host Iftar parties to feed close relatives, poor and the needy people. This has been long-established culture and religious practice in the country, he said.

He, however, alleged that this year some organisations are not being allowed to hold Iftar parties on the university campus or outside.

"They (govt) don't like it. They are attacking the cultural values of the country's majority people", he said.

The BNP leader alleged that the prime minister is doing this to fulfill her masters will.

"We could not realise it primarily. But if we think deeply, we understand how they are intervening into the cultural and religious beliefs of the country's majority people".

In this regard Rizvi defended his call to boycott Indian goods.

"Why shall we buy their share or toothpaste as they are not respecting our people and our values," he said adding, "They kill our people along the border on regular basis."

"There are treaties and protocol on border killing, but BSF doesn't bother it. They are frequently killing our people in the border," he alleged.

Referring to India the BNP leader said "they claim they are a democratic country. But they don't recognise Bangladesh's sovereignty, independence and democratic process. Nor do they respect Bangladeshi people. They stand only beside one political party helping it retain power permanently. They certified them, and lobbied worldwide for them (AL), Rizvi said.

He questioned why would people use their products since they don't respect their will and ignore the other political parties for the sake of one party.