

HC grants permanent bail to Fakhrul, Abbas

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Online Desk: Opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and the party's standing committee member Mirza Abbas have got permanent bail in a case filed with Paltan police station in the capital. Mirza Fakhrul and Mirza Abbas were released as they were granted an interim bail in the case on 9 January after remaining in prison for a month.

The two opposition leaders were arrested in a case over a clash between police and the BNP men on 7 December at the capital's Naya Paltan area centring the party's Dhaka divisional rally was to be held on 10 December last year. Bail pleas of Mirza Fakhrul and Mirza Abbas were declined thrice at the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka. Later, they sought bail from the High Court. The High Court granted six months interim bail to the two leaders. Following this the state appealed for stay of the order but the Appellate Division upheld the bail order. Now they have been granted the permanent bail.