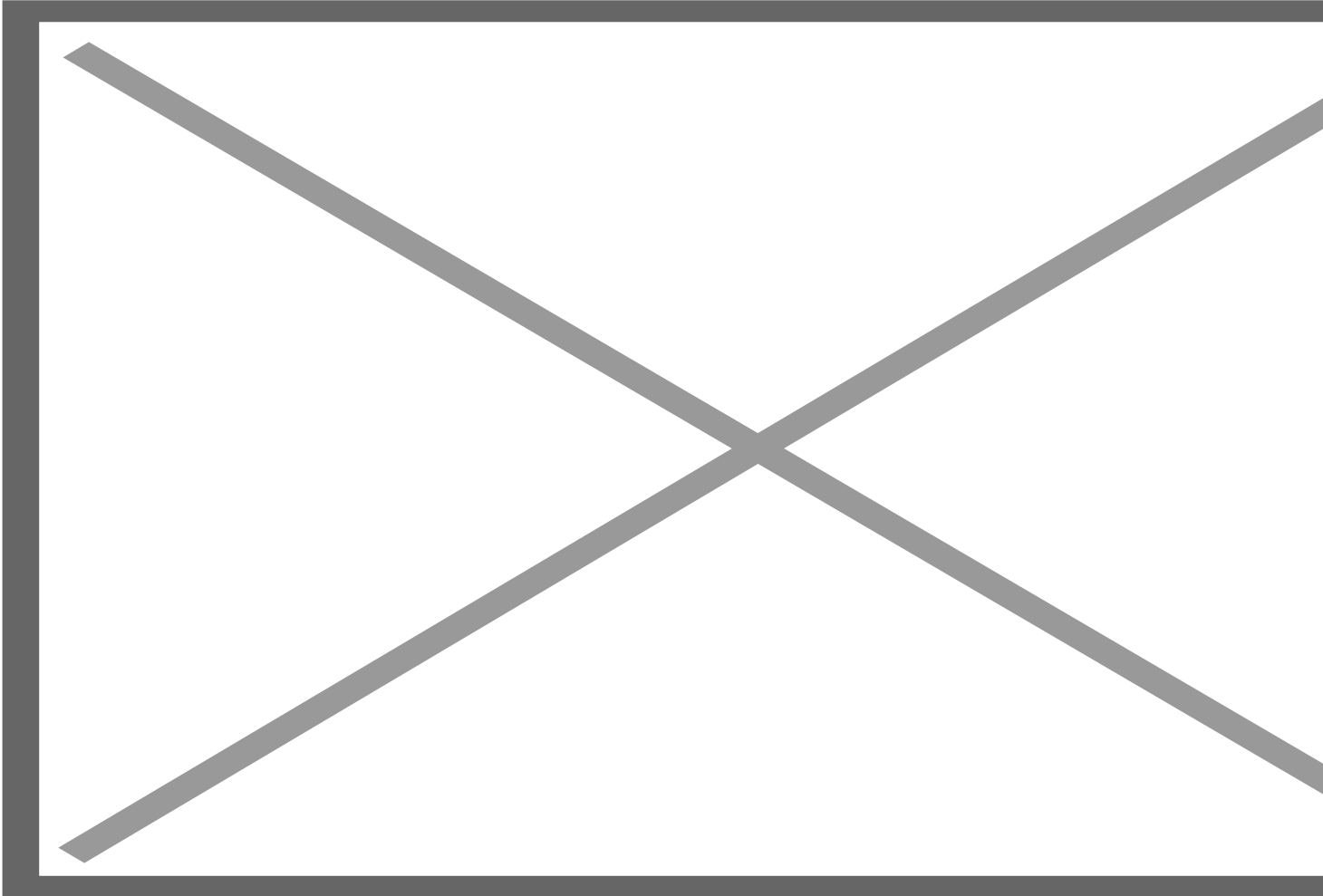


Govt employees working for AL, not people: GM Quader

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The Daily Morning Voice Online Desk : Jatiya Party chairman GM Quader on Sunday said that the public servants of the country were working in favour of the ruling Awami League and not for the people of Bangladesh. “The state and the ruling party have now become one entity. The government employees are supposed to work in the interest of the country’s people, but they are working for the ruling party,” he said. Speaking at a view-exchange meeting with the leaders of the Jatiya Matshyajibi Party at Jatiya Party’s Kakrail central office, Quader also said that the public servants were not obliged to obey any unjust orders of the government. “Police and civil administration should remember that they are public servants and they should treat every people and people of every party equally. Equal rights must be guaranteed by the state,” he said. The Jatiya Party chief said that those who engaged in plundering were now considered respected people in society while honest and idealistic people were considered as incompetent and stupid people. He also said that the country’s people were now suffering from insecurity about their wealth and lives. Opposing the use of Electronic Voting Machines in the next polls, Quader said that the common people did not believe in EVMs and they did not want to vote using this machine. “People of the country think that EVMs are the modern machines for rigging votes... the country’s people think that the government wants to hold the election using EVMs to manipulate the results,” he observed.

During the talks with the Election Commission, the Jatiya Party chief recalled that most political parties, except for Awami League and a few ones, opposed the use of EVMs in the elections. “But the Election Commission is still trying its best to take votes using the EVMs.” He alleged that even the Election Commission was spending crores of taka to operate the non-functioning and useless EVMs. “The people of the country are looking at this initiative with suspicion. Fair election is not possible through EVMs while 90 per cent people of the country do not trust EVMs.” Quader said that their party did not want to see any rigged elections and did not want to win such an election. “We want people to exercise their right to franchise. We’re in favour of a free, fair, and impartial election,” he said.