

# 16 BNP men held in Khulna ahead of party's sit-in programme

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**Online Desk:** Law enforcement agencies arrested 16 leaders and activists of the BNP and its associate bodies from different areas of Khulna city on Friday night ahead of the party's sit-in programme on Saturday.

A media release signed by city unit BNP Convener Advocate Shafiqul Alam Mona on Saturday morning said Khulna city unit convening committee's member Masud Khan Badal, No. 4 Ward BNP Joint Convener Arman Sheikh, No. 11 Ward Convener Nurul Huq, No. 15 Ward Sewchhasebak Dal Convener Rubel Khandaker, City College Chattra Dal Joint Convener Rakbi Hossain and Jubo Dal leader Nur Islam, were among the arrestees.

According to the media release, the government is using the law enforcement agencies as tools to oppress the opposition activists. It said the country has been turned into a police state through arresting of the leaders and activists of the BNP without warrant.

As part of the ongoing simultaneous movement, the BNP, its associate bodies and like-minded parties are set to observe a two-hour sit-in protest in all divisional cities and district towns on Saturday to press home their 10-point demand, including holding the next general election under a non-party caretaker government. The programme is also meant for registering the party's protest against the rise in the prices of power, gas and essential items and the Awami League government's alleged all-pervading corruption.