

Bangabandhu first introduced parliamentary democracy in country: lawmakers

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Online Desk: Both treasury and opposition lawmakers today said Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman first introduced parliamentary democracy in the country aiming to fulfill the aspirations of the people. “Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman first introduced parliamentary democracy in the country aiming to fulfill people’s aspirations,” they said.

The lawmakers were participating in a discussion on the motion brought by Parliament leader and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina under section 147 of the rules of procedure of the Jatiya Sangsad marking its golden jubilee at the Sangsad Bhaban here with Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair.

Participating in the discussion, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq said, “Bangabandhu was a real democratic leader and his assassination had jeopardized the people’s expectations”. The government should enact a law like ‘Holocaust denial act’ to expose the people, who are against the spirit of the liberation war, to justice, he suggested.

Expressing homage to the Father of the Nation, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq said Bangabandhu had established the dignity of the parliament during his tenure. But, the subsequent autocratic governments destroyed the norms of the parliament repeatedly while incumbent Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina re-established the dignity of the parliament, said the lawmaker of Brahmanbaria-5. The present government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is doing everything following the footsteps of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, also MP of Dhaka-12.

Marking the 50th anniversary of the JS, Agriculture Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque said the Jatiya Sangsad is the center of all activities and it is called the “House of the Nation”, adding that this parliament is the home of the nation and Father of the Nation had sacrificed all his life to activate this legislative house. “Bangabandhu believed sovereignty of the constitution and the parliament. That’s why he had introduced parliamentary democracy in the country to fulfill people’s hope and expectations after the independence”, said State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M Mahbub Ali.

The Father of the Nation also presented the constitution to the nation soon after the independence which is one of the best in the world, said Ali, also a lawmaker of Habiganj-4. Praising the role of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Mostafizur Rahman of Dinajpur-5 said, “A leader like Bangabandhu was needed to make the country independent as a leader like Sheikh Hasina is needed to take the country forward.”

Jatiya Party lawmaker Kazi Feroz Rashid of Dhaka-6 said AL’s one of the major weaknesses is not to form a commission to unmask the perpetrators behind Bangabandhu murder. Recalling the great contribution of Bangabandhu, Waseqa Ayesha Khan of women seat-31 said the country would have been developed much earlier if Bangabandhu was alive as more than 70 economic agreements were signed during his tenure. Bangabandhu had struggled whole life to establish peoples’ right, said Gano Forum lawmaker Mokabbir Khan of Sylhet-2.

Treasury bench lawmakers State Minister for Housing and Public Works Sharif Ahmed of Mymensingh-2, State Minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives Swapan Bhattacharjee of Jashore-5, Engineer Mosharraf Hossain of Chattogram-1, Whip Iqbalur Rahim of Dinajpur-3, Kazi Keramat Ali of Rajbari-1, Meher Afroz Chumki of Gazipur-5, Gazi Mohammad Shahnawaz of Habiganj-1, Selim Altaf George of Khustia-4, BM Kabirul Haque of Narail-1, Kaniz Fatema of Women seat-7, Begum Zakia Parvin Khanam of Women seat-18, Begum Ferdousi Islam of Women seat-38, Dr Shamil Uddin Ahmed Shimul

ChapaiNawabganj-1, Monira Sultana of Women seat-26, Saimum Sarwar Komol of Cox's Bazar-3, Khan Ahmed Shuvo of Tangail-7, Shahdab Akbar Chowdhury of Faridpur-2, Abul Kalam Md. Ahsanul Haque Chowdhury of Rangpur-2, Zakia Tabassum of Women seat-32 and Shamim Osman of Narayanganj-4, also participated in the discussion.