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Govt destroys electoral system: Fakhru
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BNP acting secretary-general Miron Fakhru said that the present government has destroyed the electoral system as massive violence has taken place in the union parished elections as well.
"Massive violence has taken place in UP elections in municipalities, especially in parshada and city corporations. We don't want such scenario in the elections," he told a discussion in the capital on Wednesday.
He alleged that the present government has destroyed state structure, democratic institutions, electoral system and parliament and politicized the administration.
The BNP leader said the country's economy has been damaged as theft of state money is rampant during the present regime.
"Money has been looted from the country's banks," Bangladesh Bank's money has been plundered as well. Janta Bank's money has been stolen," he said.
He further said the present situation of the country will not change without changing the political structure. BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has spoken of the basic change through presenting her vision 2030.
Fakhru hinted that the BNP-led 20-party coalition may be expanded to strengthen the strike for building democratic Bangladesh. Now it is inevitable for making a national unity with all political parties.

Bangladesh Bank slaps ban on media
MORINA ALAM
Bangladesh Bank (BB) has barred journalists from entering its headquarters effective from Wednesday.
The central bank has closed its door to the press apparently after the widespread news coverage on the \$10 billion cyber heist from Bangladesh Bank's reserves at the Federal Reserve Bank in New York early last month that shocked the entire nation as well as the government.
The unannounced raid had led to resignation of then BB governor Dr Atiqur-Rahman and removal of his two deputies. The government has later appointed former Finance secretary and Social Bank chairman Fakhru Ruzvi as the new governor.
A newspaper has reported, however, was in place since the joining of the new governor on March 20. The BB authority officially informed the journalists of the ban on Wednesday.
BB executive director and spokesperson Subbaratna Saha told the meeting journalists that the central bank will open a media centre soon where only the authorized officials will brief the media when necessary.
"Some journalists can make prior appointments with BB officials to take interviews for news," he told reporters. The reporters waiting at the central bank entrance expressed frustration over the ban and tried to protest against the decision.

**Results of 522 UPs
AL wins 394, BNP 35**
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According to the poll results, independent candidates were elected at 30 UPs while Janta Party (JP) secured 307 seats, BNP 35, Janta Samakshik Dal (JSD), Widespread Party of Bangladesh (WBP) and Janta Party (Janta) and Janta Dal Bangladesh (JDB) got one UP each.
The AL polled 34 percent of votes cast against the chairman posts while its arch-rival BNP polled only 16 percent votes in 522 Union Parishads, DC officials said.
The Election Commission has so far announced the results of 522 UPs out of 712 that went to polls on Tuesday. In total, 1,000 Union Parishads, 1,000 Janta Samakshik Dal (JSD) and 1,000 Janta Party (Janta) polled only 8.50 percent.

Glamour shots go wrong for Tigers
FIRAZ HUSSAIN
One of the best ICC T20 World Cup matches over. Chasing a target of 147 for win, Bangladesh finished at 108 in the stipulated 20 overs.
The climax came in the very last over of the game when Bangladesh needed 11 runs in the last over but could only score three runs in three successive deliveries.
Chasing a decent 147 for win, Bangladesh opener Tarique Islam began the Bangladesh chase well with a controlled, positively 35 from 20 balls.
Although Tamim started miserably, lower order batsmen (1) only another opener Tarique Islam and Sobir Hossain led a desperate counter-attack against the unbeatable India bowling attack.
The four batsmen in runs to 146 for seven, allowing the local crowd hoping for a win to cheer for the hosts.
Al-Amin Hossain took two wickets for the Tigers off two balls, while replacement bowler Sharvanga Han claimed the critical scalp of Vasekaranth.
Bangladesh skipper Mashrafe Mortaza had vowed to battle on after two of their top bowlers were suspended over the weekend for illegal actions and after losing both of their first two group stage matches. Put in to bat in final conditions, Indian opener Shikhar Dhawan (23) and Rohit Sharma (30) put on a patient 45-run partnership before both lost their wickets in the space of six balls as they tried to accelerate.
Rishi and Sunil Kumar put together a decent partnership before India clinched victory just as he was looking dangerous.

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