



NCP Slams Border Killings, Demands July Declaration



Nahid Islam : Collected

The National Citizen Party (NCP) strongly condemned the frequent killings along the Thakurgaon border and demanded a constitutional “July Declaration” during a rally held at the Old Bus Stand area of Thakurgaon town around 12:30 PM on Friday.

Addressing the crowd, NCP Convener Nahid Islam said,

"Killings in the bordering areas of Thakurgaon are a major problem. The Indian Border Security Force indiscriminately shoots and kills Bangladeshi citizens."

He further stated,

"Recently, we have seen attempts to push Muslims living in India into Bangladesh by labelling them as illegal immigrants."

"We want to warn that this is not Hasina's Bangladesh. This is the Bangladesh of students and people after the mass uprising. Bangladesh will run in the hands of pro-Bangladeshis. We will stop these border killings at all costs."

The rally was part of the NCP's ongoing campaign titled “July March to Rebuild the Country.”

Nahid also criticized the ruling Awami League's secular claims, pointing out long-standing injustices faced by the Hindu community.

"The Awami League has repeatedly claimed that they are a secular party, but they have never treated the followers of the Sanatan faith with justice."

"They [Hindus in Bangladesh] have repeatedly been victims of land grabbing, and have not received any justice. In this new Bangladesh, we want all of us to have opportunities and benefits together as Bangladeshi citizens based on justice and harmony."

He called for the announcement of a “July Declaration” within the months of July and August, stating:

"We are fighting for the July declaration of uprising -- for fundamental reforms, justice for the July genocide, and a new constitution."

"The July declaration must be issued within July-August, and it should be constitutionally grounded. Thousands have shed blood and sacrificed their lives for this cause. The future Bangladesh will be built on the aspirations and sacrifices of these people."

Nahid emphasized that NCP is expanding its organizational base across the country and urged citizens to support youth leadership.

After Juma prayers at Thakurgaon Model Mosque, NCP leader Hasnat Abdullah told reporters,

"This march across the country is aimed at organisational expansion, seeking justice for martyrs and injured activists, and pushing for reforms."

He added,

"We want elections, but with conditions. Just as we demand a timely election, we also demand reforms and justice."

Earlier that morning, Nahid also addressed a brief rally at Fakirganj Bazar in Atwari upazila of Panchagarh, where the NCP inaugurated its new upazila unit office.

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