



BNP urges India to return Hasina for trial after UN report on July uprising



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Saying the UN's recent fact-finding report has rightly revealed Sheikh Hasina's involvement in mass killings during the July mass uprising, the BNP has demanded India return her to Bangladesh for prosecution.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir made the demand during a press briefing at the BNP chairperson's Gulshan office after a meeting with the acting British high commissioner in Dhaka, James Goldman, on Thursday.

"I would like to thank the UN fact-finding committee for their report, which correctly states that the killings were carried out on the orders of a particular individual, the fascist Hasina," he said. He said the report noted that the mass killings, all human rights violations, and the destruction of democracy and institutions were carried on her orders.

"It has been proven that Hasina is a fascist who tortured, persecuted and killed the people of this country. We are calling upon the Indian government today to immediately return her and her accomplices to Bangladesh and hand her over to the government for trial. This is our expectation," Fakhru said. He expressed his party's relief as the truth about the incidents that took place has now been uncovered through the UN report.

"The problem is that when the United Nations speaks, we all believe it. But when we, the political parties, say it, many are reluctant to believe it. Anyway, I would like to thank the UN team that came here and presented the report. The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) released its fact-finding report titled "Human Rights Violations and Abuses Related to the Protests of July and August 2024 in Bangladesh" on Wednesday.