EC to Announce Alternative Symbol for NCP Instead of Shapla



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The Election Commission (EC) has announced that the National Citizens' Party (NCP) cannot be assigned the Shapla (water lily) symbol, as it is not included in the election regulations. The commission will select an alternative symbol on its own and publish the necessary information through a public notification, said EC Secretary Akhtar Ahmed.

He further stated that for the upcoming parliamentary election, 42,761 polling centers have been finalized. These centers include a total of 244,649 polling booths, of which approximately 12,000 are temporary. On average, about three thousand voters will cast their votes in each booth.

Akhtar Ahmed added that the final list of newly registered political parties and domestic observer organizations will be published within this week. Additionally, after RPO approval in the Advisory Council, the commission will decide on the use of party symbols in coalition elections.

The Secretary expressed hope that despite temporary delays, election preparations will be completed on schedule. He said, "Some activities are still pending, but everything can be completed within the timeframe. Therefore, there is no reason for concern."

Responding to journalists' questions regarding the public vote and election symbols, he noted, "Since the Shapla symbol is not included in the regulations, it cannot be assigned to the NCP. The commission will use an alternative symbol and announce it publicly. I do not have any new information regarding the public vote at this time."