Tarique Rahman to Return Once Election Schedule Announced: BNP



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BNP's acting chairman Tarique Rahman will return to Bangladesh as soon as the national election schedule is officially announced. The confirmation came from Humayun Kabir, the party's Foreign Affairs Advisor.

According to Kabir, Tarique Rahman is likely to contest the upcoming general election from multiple constituencies. If elected, this will mark his first-ever entry into the Jatiya Sangsad (National Parliament) as a Member of Parliament.

Tarique Rahman, formerly the Senior Vice Chairman of BNP, was arrested during the military-backed caretaker government following the 1/11 political changeover in 2007. After securing bail in 2008, he was compelled to leave the country and has since been living in exile in the United Kingdom for the past 17 years.

Recently, Tarique became politically active again around the observance of the historic Uprising Day on August 5. Humayun Kabir stated that Tarique Rahman has already been acquitted in all legal cases filed against him during the 1/11 regime and the Awami League government, removing any legal barriers to his return. "He will return to the country immediately after the election schedule is declared," Kabir said.

Meanwhile, his wife, Dr. Zubaida Rahman, has also drawn public attention. She recently accompanied her mother-in-law, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, on a visit to Bangladesh. Although she has not made any formal political announcements, Kabir noted that she wishes to work closely with the people of Bangladesh.