

Hizb-ut-Tahrir accuses BNP, AL of allowing India to plot against country

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The Hizb-ut-Tahrir Bangladesh, a relatively new Islamist outfit in the country, on Thursday blamed the major political parties for allowing India to conspire against Bangladesh.

Hizb-ut-Tahrir, which has been banned in the United Kingdom after London blasts, held both the Awami League and the BNP responsible for letting the perpetrators go under cover because of the parties' blame-game.

'The politics of mutual blame-game by the Awami League and the BNP has made scope for India to hatch conspiracy against Bangladesh,' said Mohiuddin Ahmed, the chief coordinator and also official spokesman of the organisation.

'Both parties indulged in blaming each other for taking political mileage after each and every incidents of blasts and that led the culprits to go under cover,' he said.

'They did not play responsible role except blaming each other.'

He, however, did not blame any particular group or party for the August 17 blasts that rattled the entire country.

In the aftermath of the nationwide synchronised blasts, the organisation held a news conference to clear its stance and announced a fortnight-long programme in protest at the blasts.

'These acts were part of a malicious campaign targeting our nation, people and Islam,' he said.

'Islam does not accept any kind of violent activities at any situation that cause harm to life and properties,' he said. 'The perpetrators of August 17 blasts are enemies of people and the nation.'

He urged the people and the Islamic groups to stand united in the face of conspiracies against Islam and Bangladesh.

Blaming India for hatching conspiracies against Bangladesh, he said the Indian inelegance agencies recommended the Indian government to impose economic sanctions on Bangladesh.

'The Indian envoy in Dhaka said the blasts were aimed at turning Bangladesh to a Islamic state and the West Bengal chief minister dubbed Bangladesh a threat... such statements prove that India wants to tarnish the image of Bangladesh,' Mohiuddin said.

Asked about the ban of his organisation in Britain and other European countries, Mohiuddin said, 'The party is yet to be banned in Britain... Tony Blair proposed to ban the organisation as it pleads establishment of Islam in Britain.'

Asked about the conformity between the views of Jamaat-e-Islami and Hizb ut-Tahrir, Mohiuddin said, 'We have no link with the party and it is clearly the view of Hizb ut-Tahrir, we do not bother what the other says.'

Kazi Morshedul Huq, Mamunur Rasheed, Mustafa Minhaz, Mohammad Ejaz, Mohammad Raqib and Ahmed Jamal Iqbal were present at the news conference held at the national press club.

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