

Staff Reporter

Opposition BNP has threatened to bring the country to a grinding halt if the government tries to hold the polls under a partisan administration without dissolving parliament.

“We want to equivocally say that the country will be made paralyzed and the government dysfunctional if it tries to hold the election keeping parliament intact. No polls will be held on Bangladesh’s soil or be allowed to be held,” senior BNP leader Moudud Ahmed said yesterday. The BNP leader issued the threat while addressing a discussion arranged by ex-Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Foundation at the National Press Club, marking its first founding anniversary. Moudud, also a BNP standing committee member, questioned how does a parliamentary election is held keeping the outgoing parliament functional?

He said democracy will be annihilated if the election is held under a partisan government on the pretext of protecting the constitution. “Awami League had obliterated democracy in 1975 in the same style.”

The former law minister also warned that political parties through a united movement will resist the government’s evil design to hold the polls under their own administration defying public opinion.

“If you think, you will be able to hold the polls under a party government you’re making a blunder. Your all daydreams will be dashed in the face of a mass movement,” he added.

The ruling party will become isolated if it holds the polls under their own arrangement, Moudud said, adding that except a few parties no good political parties will join such an election. The BNP leader also alleged that the government has brought the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution only to perpetuate its power.

He urged the government to take initiatives to resolve the ongoing political crisis shelving its plan to hold a lopsided election.