

Staff Reporter

Echoing his party colleagues that the government has been sworn in for five years, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed on Monday said maintaining the law and order situation in the country will be the main challenge for them.

“Maintaining the law and order situation will be the main challenge for this government in the coming days,” he said.

Tofail made the observations while talking to reporters after paying tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing wreaths at his portrait in Dhanmondi with the Prime Minister in the morning.

About the election boycott of the BNP-led 18-party alliance, the Commerce Minister said the AL-led grand alliance had wanted an election participated by all parties.

"We had requested BNP for several times, but they didn't pay heed to it, they tried to foil the election and failed to do so," he said adding that like the other governments the tenure of this regime will be for five years.

Laying emphasis on finding a way forward to hold a participatory election next time, Tofail said the solution should come from within the country, not from anywhere else.

Sought comments on the withdrawal of the BNP-Jamaat-sponsored blockade program, he said that the good sense finally prevailed on them. "Nothing can be achieved through subversive activities in the name of hartal and blockade, and BNP has realized that," he said.

Talking to the journalists at the same venue, Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu said

BNP-Jamaat terrorists tried to create a political unrest in the country by unleashing attacks on the minority communities across the country at the dark of night, but they failed.