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BNP senior leader Lt Gen Mahbubur Rahman on Tuesday said their ongoing non-violent anti-government movement will get a new dimension after the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

“I think a new dimension will be added to our movement after Eid-ul-Azha. We’re preparing for it, but our movement will be non-violent one,” he said.

Mahbub, also a BNP standing committee member, came up with the remarks while talking to reporters after placing wreaths together with leaders and activists and Jatiyatabadi Muktijoddha Dal at BNP founder Ziaur Rahman’s grave, marking its founding anniversary.

He said BNP alongside reorganizing their party and its associate bodies is going on for a peaceful movement to force the government to hold a fresh election under a non-party administration and register its protest against the government’s misdeeds and anti-people decision.

“We’ve observed a protest program against the national broadcast policy and our programs against the move to re-empower parliament to impeach judges are also going on,” the BNP leader said.

Claiming that the present parliament is unrepresentative and dysfunctional, he said the current MPs are fake as 154 of them were elected uncontested in a farcical election.

“The demand of the country’s freedom fighters is a fresh and acceptable election soon dissolving this parliament,” Mahbub added.

He said the main spirit of the Liberation War was that the country would be run through a democratic process, but now democracy is at stake. “We’re also in a dreadful condition as the government is trying to re-establish one-party Baksal rule annihilating democracy.”

The BNP leader also called upon his party leaders and activists to spontaneously take to the streets to restore democracy in the country.