

MQM's Delegation Meets With The Delegation Of The International Republican Institute.

Discussion Held Pertaining To Upcoming Elections, Prosperity Of Democracy In The Country, And Harmonious Transfer Of Power: Dr. Farooque Sattar Talking To The Journalists.

Karachi, November 1, 2007: The Deputy Convener of Muttahida Quami Movement and the MQM's leader in the parliament, Dr. Farooque Sattar, has emphasized on the necessity of holding an All Parties Conference before the upcoming general elections, for the formulation of election strategy. Election Commission should review the provision of the voter's lists and the reduction of its prices. He was expressing his views while talking to the journalists after a meeting with the delegation of the International Republican Institute in a local hotel. At this occasion Provincial Health Minister, Syed Sardar Ahmed, and Member Provincial assembly, Faisal Sabzwary, were also present. Prior to this the delegation of International Republican Institute, headed by Brian Joseph, met with the delegation of MQM and exchanged views for an hour and a half during which the current political situation of the country and upcoming general elections came into discussion. After that Dr. Farooque Sattar told the press that they have discussed with delegation of International Republican Institute about the upcoming general elections, prosperity of democracy in the country, and harmonious transfer of power after the elections, while the delegation was also apprised of the fact about the previous elections in Sindh that none of the opposition parties pressed any charges of maneuvering and manipulations in the these elections. He said that we have also informed the delegation about our meeting with Election Commission in which we have demanded that the public should be informed of the polling stations at least 5 days earlier than the elections, that the voter's lists should be easily accessible, and that the prices of the voter's lists should be reduced. He also told the press that they have informed the delegation of IRI that we want that the international observers, while monitoring elections in urban areas, should also monitor in rural areas. While he was asked if MQM has been asked for its advice regarding formation of the care-taker government, he answered, yes, but for the sake of advice, and to fulfill the formality.

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