

Substantial agreement achieved' on constitutional amendments: JUI-F Chief



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Maulana Fazlur Rehman, the head of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-F (JUI-F), announced that significant consensus has been reached on constitutional amendments following discussions and negotiations. Speaking to the media in Tando Allahyar, Fazlur Rehman said that while the parliament's role is to amend the constitution and laws, such changes often spark disagreements, Express News reported. However, he emphasised that legislation must be crafted according to the country's circumstances and needs, with a focus on the interests of the nation and its people. Fazlur Rehman explained that his party had raised objections to the government's draft amendments, arguing that they would undermine both judicial and public rights. These concerns have now been addressed, with many rejected provisions withdrawn. He expressed optimism that their demands would be met. Referencing the extended timeframe required for the 18th Amendment, which took nine months to finalise, Fazlur Rehman noted that the 26th Amendment should also be given sufficient time to allow a thorough review of all aspects. Fazlur Rehman further mentioned that his party had requested Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to postpone its planned protests until after the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, reminding them that previous protests had yielded no results. He remained hopeful that their appeal would be considered. Meanwhile, a consensus on constitutional amendments has also been reached between the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM), with both agreeing to move forward transparently.