

# Reforming our politics

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**B**ANGLADESH is now in its 42 years of age as an independent country. The country is considerably matured in respect of its age. Although Bangladesh has succeeded in social and economic development to some extent through various activities, it has not yet been able to contribute significantly in politics. According to an official from the European Union working in Bangladesh, the worst crisis that Bangladesh has experienced since her liberation is political impasse. Political violence, corruption under political shelter, strike, blockade are causing obstacle to development of this country. It is a matter of great pity that Bangladesh is still one of the poorest countries of the world. Many reasons come out when we try to search for the causes of her lagging behind in respect of economy. Political clash is remarkable of these reasons. On the one hand the ruling party misuses power and through ugly partisan attitude adopt corruption and thus lead bureaucrats, officials, businessmen and on the whole the nation to unwanted corruption. On the other hand, the Opposition being deprived of what they expected, involve themselves into hartal and blockade with a striking attitude. As a result, the mass suffers. Even after four decades of our independence we have not been provided with minimum standard of life and living and a stable environment for good income and development. The reasons for poverty are political violence, deterioration of law and order situation, lack of rule of justice, weakness in administration, corruption in police administration and related others. Because of the privileges, the politicians, bureaucrats, businessmen and general people are involved in corruption.

Recently it is observed through newspapers, radio-television and other media that the civil society and the whole nation are on the look out for a positive change in politics. In other words, they would like to have a desired reform in politics. They want to see honest, qualified and sincere personalities in politics. It is also observed that some politicians keeping reforms aside, want to go back to traditional politics. In order to remove such dilemma a national consensus should take place based on statistical studies. The result of this consensus will show what the percentage of

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people wants political reform and why they want it. In the same way it will be revealed how many people do not want reform and want to go back to earlier political practices. If general people want political reform, it should be honoured and go forward to implementing it. We believe such survey will act as a guideline to help the country step into bright future.

Man is not angel. Vice and virtue are mixed in man. There are people of both positive and negative mentality in all countries of the world. It is difficult to root-out corruption and in-human activities that people are involved in because

democracy rather than socialism or communism can contribute better to the overall development of a country. Democratic countries like Britain, America, France, Germany and others have now reached the highest peak of development by dint of democratic independence. We want to eradicate corruption, by removing political clashes, corruption by government and private officials and dominance of bureaucracy. But it is pity ours is a mixture of democracy and false democracy. We want to create a real democratic atmosphere removing undemocratic practices. In order to facilitate to form Democratic Party the elec-

tion commission should develop principles proper and specific before registering the party. The followers of those principles will get facility to be registered nationally. Again political parties should be organized democratically within the parties. For example, the political leaders in Upazilla and District level should be elected through voting. In this way we will be able to elect honest and sincere leaders and workers. It is because the people know well who are good and who are evil and who are more competent or more skilled to perform social responsibilities. It is noteworthy that young system is held on across the United States of America on who would get nomination from political party to contest in the next presidential election. Through this voting it was decided who would be the presidential candidate between Hilary Clinton and Barak Obama. Similarly in Bangladesh if we can select leaders as nominees before election we will certainly get deserving

personalities. Through this, political clashes will reduce and constructive politics and productive economy will come into view, justice will be established, and ultimately general people will get rid of unbearable suffering. We do not have such magic at hand as to get rid of corruption and poverty overnight. But we can get relieved to some extent if we succeed in selecting honest and deserving candidates in the election process through removing political violence and reforms. Therefore, we would like to expect the good intention and activities of political parties regarding reforms and at the same time the Election Commission will have to be active as well.

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