

Can the opposition reform proposal ensure level ground for election?

The uneven ground for contest of election has been solidified by politicization and the misuse of funds and authority of the government...

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To ensure free and fair election, the 14-party alliance submitted a reform proposal to the parliament for consideration of the government...

the PM and other important leaders of ruling alliance on various occasions and also from the above there should not be any doubt that the government is reluctant to discuss the reform issue...

said reforms and by other activities done so far during the period of 4-party alliance rule prompted the opposition to demand further reforms to ensure free and fair election...

the new appointments were made in an exceptional haste to provide timely support to the pro-government activities of the chief election commissioner against the resistance of the other already serving election commissioners...

responsible for conducting the next general election during the interim caretaker government are Presidency, Caretaker Government and Election Commission...

Development works and relief distribution works carried out in different areas are being restricted or increased by control of the fund to be provided based on partisan interest...

amount before the actual election period. In order to achieve the above, the ruling alliance government had to use persons from bureaucracy who would not only accept and implement irregular directives of the government but would promote the party in power...

the command of Chief Advisor. It would seem natural that the opposition alliance would make efforts to hurry in formation of committee and start negotiation to enhance achieving their target...

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Iraq invasion: Three years after

One genuinely doubts whether the Bush administration understood the complexities of the Iraqi situation before undertaking the ill-fated invasion...

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THREE years ago, as America was getting ready to invade Iraq, most of its NATO allies, and friends from the region and beyond, had urged Washington to exercise restraint...

own people -- were well-known. Interestingly, vast majority of Americans were also made to believe that Saddam was involved in the 9/11 attacks...

President Bush was reelected in November 2004. Three years after the American-led forces swept through Iraq, the country continues to remain in the grip of insurgency...

The American people now realize that there is no quick fix in Iraq and that the war is going to be a long drawn affair. So far the US has spent over \$360 billion on the Iraq War which is more than four times the original estimated cost...

return" and that unfortunately, they were "in civil war." He knows that the Bush administration cannot accept this categorization, so he elaborated: "We are losing each day an average of 50 to 60 people throughout the country, if not more..."

Everyday life in Iraq

Mr. Shadid concentrated on the everyday life of the Iraqis. How the invasion has turned their world upside down. For Mr. Shadid, the job of a journalist is "to listen and not to judge..."

HABIBUL HAQUE KHONDKER

ON April 9, 2003 Saddam Hussein's huge -- larger than life -- statue was toppled with the help of an American tank, marking the fall of Baghdad...

see the same euphoria of jubilation nor the huge number of people on the streets. Did CNN fail to capture the celebrations of the day and was the camera crew taking the wrong shots? What was the mood on the street?...

of dried bread with tea," reflecting the disappearance of even the basic necessities of life. She wrote: "This morning did not begin with the roosters crowing but with bombs..."

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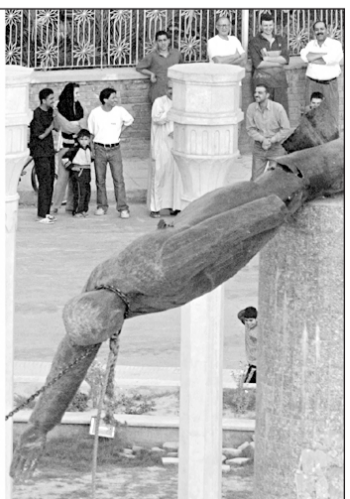
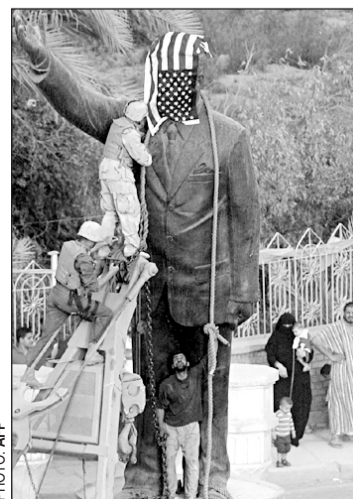


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