

Power and authority of EC and role of CTG Removing some misconceptions

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Much of the present problem that has afflicted us and is perceived as a national crisis, originates from misconception and misinterpretation of the real situation.

food for growth. It has always been the practice in that past that the government in power conducted the election who were elected through partisanship.

used to be carried out under the party based government is no longer tenable. I am talking about the spirit and the principle of the caretaker government which is solely intended to ensure a free and fair election.

relected will overlook all the mistakes and misdeeds of the last tenure. On the other hand, if the opposition comes back to power they might victimise the opposition or be blamed of doing so.

from its whole body. It is a cooperative phenomenon, a phase of transition -- not to be mistaken as mere disorder.

I would first of all like to make a distinction between a problem and a crisis.

The present unrest of general public, their coming out in the street and protesting against any possible attempt or design to jeopardise a free and fair election should be hailed rather than be considered as a crisis by any person who sincerely believes in democracy.

supreme court judge has failed to earn that confidence, or should I say, have failed to maintain their faith people usually attributed to these professions, the fault does not lie with the people but on those who have degraded the honour and prestige long associated to these professions.

Those who are living now and are facing the challenge with open eyes and courage.

It is not to be used as a shield for the protection of jobs of some officials whose task was to protect the democratic right of the people to express their wills through voting but have failed to do so by bad intention or inefficiency.

People have not leased their democratic rights to any one, not to the election commission, nor to the caretaker government. In fact, there is no proxying in democracy, no discontinuity in its temporal flow, and therefore, no one for a moment can snatch away the rights of the people and captivate them, so long they maintain the courage to oppose.

Common people may not have the direct access to power but the embodiment of their power and the right to reflect their will and their judgement is to be sought in the general election.

the party in power. Naturally, the emergence of the concept of caretaker government carries with it the bad memory of that past government who destroyed the confidence in the government.

Another important point to note is that the chief adviser of the caretaker government should not think of himself as a prime minister democratically elected. Neither should he choose the other advisers, in fact, all the advisers are equally responsible in representing the general public to ensure free and fair election.

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Among the electricity and computer engineers



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In 1930, talking to Albert Einstein in Germany Tagore told him, "This world is a human world -- the scientific view of its is also that of a scientific man." Einstein did not agree.

In the sixteenth century when the Europeans came to Asia the conditions of the two continents were not that dissimilar. At that time Bengal was a prosperous though mismanaged country.

The nation needs a solution to our current power crisis and I believe this conference can be a good forum to discuss the causes of the crisis and find out remedies to the problem.

that still could be used are turned obsolete. A computer may look small but as discussed it may be a great hazard.

In the early period of Soviet Union, the visionary leader Lenin used to say, "Soviet System plus Electricity is equal to Socialism".

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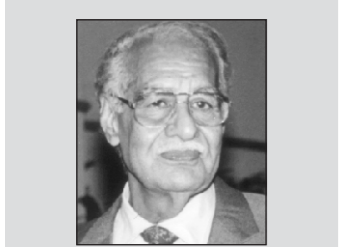
For avoiding the environmental hazard and protecting the ecosystem we shall have to start dialogue for imposing regulations, codes, conducts and ethics.

The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering of BUET together with technical co-sponsorship of IEEE Bangladesh section, is organising the International Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (ICECE) on a regular basis with a view to exchanging ideas of modern developments in major areas of electrical and computer engineering.

Electricity has come to the use of mankind as it has been more environment friendly, safe and controllable source of energy, having advantage of high conversion efficiency.

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Kashmir sans two-nation theory



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had even introduced the joint electorate, hitherto separate because of the British intention to divide and rule.

Shahbaz Sharif, brother of Nawaz Sharif, told Badal to take Jammu and Ladakh and give the valley to Pakistan.

was that Musharraf was bending backwards to make up with New Delhi which was not acknowledging any of his proposals.

BETWEEN THE LINES

A possible amicable solution is that India give all subjects to the state of Jammu and Kashmir except Foreign Affairs, Defence and Communications. Pakistan should do likewise in Kashmir and the northern areas on its side.

Jammu. The valley has a preponderant majority of Muslims, roughly 95 per cent. If it is cut off from the state, Jammu and Ladakh would comprise the state.

India could not afford to face another partition. Nor would we be able to save pluralism which was already under pressure from communal forces.

So, as enjoined by Almighty Allah in the aforesaid Ayat 27 of the Quran people came to the Sacred House (the Holy Ka'ba) from every quarter near and far.

Fighting poverty with micro-credit

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effective weapon against poverty. This is why, my recent visit to the microfinance programmes of BRAC turned to be a fact-finding tour.

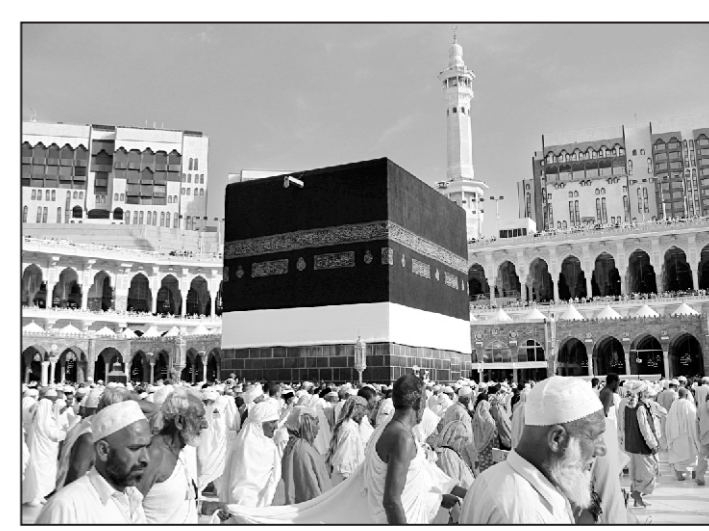
paying any collateral and borrowers repay their loans in 46 weekly instalments. In fact, the weekly meetings invigorate the sense of discipline, participation and accountability required for making a microfinance programme effective.

have an interactive discussion about health problems with the 'shastho sebika'. Besides, each borrower can receive Tk 100 - Tk 200 worth of medical treatment free of cost.

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The Hajj: One of the five pillars of Islam

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At the very outset I would like to state that it is only Islam which gives millions and millions of its followers from all over the world a golden opportunity to meet at a particular place during the holy lunar month of Zilhajj and supplicate Most Gracious and Merciful Allah in one voice for forgiveness of their sins and also for their good and welfare in this mundane world and in the Hereafter.

Yes, during the interim period there was a time, that is, a time in between Hazrat Ibrahim's (AS) clarion call from the floor of the Holy Ka'ba and advent of Prophet Muhammad (SM) when the people of Mecca, Hejaz and elsewhere vigorously started worshipping idols.

tioned here, has a special significance for here the holy Prophet (peace be upon him), delivered his famous and historic Farewell Pilgrimage Address standing on a hilltop.

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About the institution of Hajj it may be further stated that right from the departure from his home town a pilgrim has to pass through certain very important stages and formalities before he reaches the Holy Ka'ba in Mecca and other concerned holy places in Saudi Arabia including the holy city of Medina.

Another important aspect of Hajj is that since Muslims from all over the world assemble in the holy city of Mecca as pilgrims it gives them a unique opportunity to exchange their views and discuss their problems with a view to finding solution.