

Agenda for the New Government

by Md Asadullah Khan

WHEN the anxious citizens of the country wait to see whether peace will prevail after a fairly successful election on 12th June...

entails a heavy drain of foreign exchange to the tune of at least 600 million taka each year. Moreover, nearly 40 per cent of the country's population is under 22 years old.

Let there be the Beginning of an Era

by A M Alimuzzaman

BEFORE the new era begins into a tangle by the bureaucratic procedures and political demagoguery, the new government may well start fulfilling their election commitments.

Rule by Committees

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has declared that none of her ministers will chair the parliamentary committees.

That the ministers will not head the JS committees does not by itself guarantee the full independence of the committees.

Now, the Awami League government has a chance to set an excellent example by offering the chairmanship of, at least, the first two committees to the opposition.

A Welcome Reaction

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party — BNP — has said it would extend all-out support to the Awami League government in its efforts for strengthening the constitutional process.

The innuendo on point of omission of Ziaur Rahman's name in Sheikh Hasina's gallery of leaders contributing to our national struggle raises some interesting issues.

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Now politics has changed on to a lower key and language of confrontation is already out of fashion.

An Ordeal, a Relief

On Monday tens of millions of eyes were glued to the BTV miniscreen. The fare was interesting and heartwarming to most.

On Tuesday it came down drastically to 8, yes, eight minutes. So very sensible. Even so there wasn't any need to squander time on projecting this head or that chief of various government agencies meeting the PM.

This improvement was marred by a big chunk given to the ministers meeting officers and functionaries. Perhaps BTV did this to introduce the new ministers to its viewers.

The demand simply is TV must show everything that a responsible first class daily newspaper reports — and more.

Against all the odds, the agenda for the new government is clear: holding together a country torn by partisan conflicts and clashes, curbing terrorism and rampant lawlessness, arresting economic slump down.

and political bickering. Now the attention of the new Prime Minister should be aimed at soothing inter-party tensions and repairing the economy that suffered most during the political turmoil.

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envisaged in the beginning. Many in the country are still skeptical that the new government that espouses some social and economic policies will be able to keep the mantle glowing.

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OPINION

Chittagong Seaman Training School

by Toufiq Elahi

Once Bangladesh was a major supplier of seamen. Many British and European companies used to recruit large number of Bangladeshi ratings regularly in the past.