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### VOICES ... Young People Speak Out

brought about by the end

of the Cold War are trigg-

ering new mass movements of

people across the globe. These refugee movements are com-

manding the attention of pol-

icy makers and scholars not

only for purely humanitarian

reasons and also because of the

serious consequences that refugee and mass migrations

mean for international security

The television images of

people fleeing persecution, massacres and killings or

simply unbearable living condi-

tions both economic and social

in the Horn of Africa, Liberia,

Rwanda and in other parts of

the world have hunted us in

the comfort of our living forms.

The parts of former Yugoslavia and the former USSR and

other regions of the world

'have seen large-scale popula-tion movements which have

challenged the sanctity of bor-

ders and have controlled to

the disintegration of nations.

National and international sta-

bility and security are im-

mensely influenced by these

both create or exacerbate con-

flict between states and influ-

ence their relations in many

other ways as well. Refugees

and other migrants are fre-

quently seen by both receiving

and sending states as a threat

to stability and as a problem

with serious national security

implications. With a growth in

unwanted and often uncon-

trolled population movements

refugees are increasingly per-

ceived as a challenge to the in-

tegrity and security of both the

sending and receiving states

Mass migrations are frequently

employed as foreign-policy

tools and refugees have be-

come instruments of warfare

and military strategy. Armed

exiles have been used instru-

mentally as "freedom fighters"

and guerrillas to wage wars on

all continents and interna

tional assistance to refugees in

some instances serves to sus-

sources of international con-

flict. Offering cross-border

sanctuary and support to mi-

grants and refugees frequently

causes military retaliation and

draws countries into conflict

In many Third World regions

of conflict, fighters often min-

gle with refugee population,

using their camps for rest and

medical treatment, and for re-

cruitment. In response to the

real or perceived threats of

refugee warrior communities.

refugee camps and settlements

have increasingly become mili-

tary targets. South Africa, for

example, regularly attacked

camps in Angola, Botswana,

Zambia and Lesotho before the

dismantling of the apartheid

regime, while Soviet planes

and missiles hit Pakistan terri-

tory during the Soviet invasion

camps were sheltering guerril-

las, the Guatemalan army

crossed the border into

Mexico in hot pursuit in the

early 1980s and ruthlessly at-

tacked refugee settlements in

Chiapas. Refugees on the Thai-

Myanmar border have fre-

Claiming that refugee

of Afghanistan.

All these can become

tain armed rebel movements.

Refugee movements can

and the world as a whole.

#### Tangled in a Web of Differences HE enormous changes

But time has come, says Adnan R Amin, for the politicians to eradicate their perpetual struggle for power which has already been proven hollow to the people

**T** OW that the much-awaited parliamentary elections are over rather peacefully - save a few unprecedented occurrence of violence, the people of Bangladesh have let out a sigh of relief. As holding a free and fair election is the most important event in the democratic process, this election has no doubt, been another great step towards achieving one of our goals establishing democracy in the

The election has been a very difficult test for all the political parties, and all the candidates. And as the triumphant party rejoices, they too, feel relieved. But for them, this was only the beginning. The real task, that is expected of them to perform is yet to

The people at large of the country often have their dreams, hopes and aspirations and expectations killed up upon the government. And the success of the government depends upon their living up to these dreams and expectations. Different classes of people expect different things from the ruling party and naturally there are basic differ ences in their list of priorities.

As this article explores the possible expectations of an average student, it would be most imperative a positive en-

now looks to the future with

great expectations'. One must

say that this was an unambigu-

ously honest and fair election.

The results were in favour of

Bangladesh Awami League.

Despite repeated assurances by

the foreign observers that the

election was fair and free of

prejudice, there were certain

rumours of irregularities and

rigging. But I personally be-

lieve that these rumours are

baseless. Giving any impor-

tance to such rumours would

be foolish. Needless to say that

the June 12 election has con-

fledgling and volatile democ-

racy of Bangladesh. Though it

is a major disappointment for

suits should be accepted in a

The fact that the BNP lost

the election after being in

power for five years indicates

that the former government

did not restore to any unfair

means to win the elections.

nor did they adopt any nefari

ous measures to rig the polls.

The results were genuine and

the opinion of the masses.

reflected considerably upon

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vironment for academic activities is the foremost thing in our priority list.

The term positive environment does not, in my view, only mean a violence-free campus, but it also denotes more institutions, better textbooks, and most important of all, total improvement of our present education system. It is not that the importance of freeing the educational institutions from grip of terrorist is being undermined.

But it is an effort to remind us all that our education system and institutions still remain tangled in a web of difficulties, of various sorts.

In order to free the campus from violence, mass awareness has to be created. It is not only up to the government to do all of it. Next the ruling party has got to put an end to the eternal vendetta between the most prominent two rival student groups (no need to mention their names here, I hope). It is not an easy task. But first they should pull back all the unruly partymen of theirs .

halls of residence at the Dhaka University is dominated by one party or the other. And this, imperatively, has to stop right now. And to ensure the students, the right to study in a peaceful atmosphere and the

It is known to all that every

subsequent bright futures, this is one little sacrifice that all political parties have to make. It has got to stop somewhere.

Amongst all the other things I would hope for, from the government is a guarantee to undisrupted scope for the students to attend their classes. But then, this should be what I should hope for, from the opposition. We've seen where the politician's indecisive attitude and unprecedented political stunts have brought the country to.

We've also witnessed how, during the BNP regime, the non-cooperation programme initiated by the Awami League had seriously disrupted and hampered our studies. Even the date of SSC exams had to be shifted. These actions can-\*not possibly be condoned. I must be understood, that as students, we give our studies the highest priority. And during this stage, these political causes of the political leaders who engage in the perpetual struggle for power, seem pretty hollow to us.

During the past few years the education system of the country, has been tossed and turned over, quite a few times never really settling down on any permanent system. First of all the 'question bank' system was introduced, but only to be abolished after three years. In the first place, the

system was totally preposterous and fatuous and went a long way to demonstrate the inherent caprice that lingered on with the system all along from it's inception.

Then all on a sudden, agricultural science was included in our curriculum as the eleventh subject. The system of college admission test was made rule and void and selection on the basis of marks was introduced. These whimsical decisions, substantially, changed the system. At this scenario, all we can hope for is, sagacious policy-making on the leaders port and a stable, persistent and well-planned education system.

All the other discrepancies and failures can be condoned by the people, but when the politicians let a vital process like education be hampered, it is one aspect we cannot possibly overlook. The Parliament building was made to study in. So it would be our earnest request and hope, that this time, politics is contained within it's own boundary; let the process of education persist in a peaceful manner and positive environment — for the posterity's sake, for the country's

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gether to give a permanent

## Not Alive, Not Kicking

Md Rasheduzzaman looks at how mass migration has become a political as well as an economic problem all over the world

quently been bombed by troops of Myanmar. On several occasions in recent years the Honduran army entered camps for Salvadorians within its own territory and killed or injured

Host governments also fear

that refugee communities will

turn against them if they were unwilling to assist in their opposition to the government of their country of origin. This danger may be particularly great if the host country arms the refugee against the sending state. Refugee war communities, in particular, often pursue independent foreign policies which prove difficult to control. US support for the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs attack against Cuba in 1961 resulted in subsequent commitment by the US to provide political asylum for the participants. Over the past several decades some of these groups have been involved in clandestine subver sive activities against the Cuban regime thus blocking the path to a cause of tensions between the two countries.

The recent shooting down of two cessna aircraft of exiled Jose Basultos "Brothers to the Rescue" group by Cuban air force and retaliatory action by USA including the passing of Helms-Burton bill which seeks to tighten trade sanctions against Cuba all helped in raising the temperature on both sides and destroying the calm other relationship was witnessing in the last few months. In addition, some have been engaged in the enormous narcotics trade in Miami. During the 1980s. Miami also became a centre for the recruitment of Nicaraguan Contra Forces, who like the Cuban Freedom fighters were difficult to control once they began their armed and political struggle against the former Sandinista regime in Managua from their exile bases in Florida.

Unwanted migration can frequently threaten 'intra communal harmony and undermine major social values by altering the ethnic, cultural religious and linguistic compositions of the host populations. Most societies have resulted from earlier human migrations and already represent a mix ture. Many welcome, up to a point, the cultural diversity that further migration brings. But beyond some point, migra tion becomes a question of numbers. Too much of foreign influx may threaten the ability of the existing society to reproduce itself in the old way which can easily create a political constituent for immigration control. Uncontrolled immigration eventually swamps the existing culture. This is one way of looking at the European migrations from the 16th century onwards in North and South Americas. Australia and New Zealand. It is what Estonians and Kazaks fear about Russians, Palestinians about Jews (and vice versa), Baluchs about Panjabis and so

For the past five centuries it has been mostly migratory Europeans that have posed threats to other peoples. But today incentives are rising for more permanent mass migration movement in the other direction from South to North. The economic disparity between the two regions provides hit incentives for mass migration. As the Vietnamese boat people demonstrated. even a substantial risk of death or an unpleasant reception are weak deterrents to determined economic migrants.

An acute migration problem between societies can hardly avoid raising barriers and tensions between them. In defending itself against unwanted human influx, a country has not only to construct legal and physical barriers to entry, but also to emphasise its differentiation from the society whose members it seeks to exclude. Questions of status and race are impossible to avoid. The treatment of migrants as a kind of criminal class creates easy ground for antagonism between the countries of both

Immigration policies, therefore, can have unavoidable impact on interstate relations. For example, when a xenophobic US Congress banned all immigration of Japanese in 1924, this slight to Japanese honour had an enormously damaging impact in Japan and contributed to significant deterioration in relations between Washington and Tokyo during the interwar period More recently, when the United States reformed\_its immigration legislation in 1986, the domestic political and economic impact of the new law was debated at length just how immigration reform would affect the stability of Mexico or El Salvador or the neighbouring countries played no rule at all. But immigration portliness are no longer anthers that can be determined solely by domestic considera-

tions without taking into account foreign policy factors and the political and cultural sensitives of their govern-

Since the 1980s, the issue of illegal Mexican immigration has figured prominently in every summit-meeting between US and Mexican presidents. The recent legislation passed by California whereby some basic rights were to be withdrawn from illegal immigrants, the brutal beatings of illegal Mexican immigrants by California State Police have all contributed to deterioration of relation between the two countries. Although this will not to any conflict between the two countries, it does show how immigration, foreign policy and foreign relations have become interconnected. The continuing departure or Vietnamese boat people from Hong Kong and its impact on the relations between Vietnam and UK, Hong Kong and a number of ASEAN governments, Anglo-American relations serve to reinforce this view.

What is very clear is that it is no longer sufficient to discuss the subject or refugees within a narrow national context or as strictly humanitarian problem requiring humanitarian solutions. Too often refugees are perceived as a matter for international charity organizations and not as a political and security problem. Yet refugee problems are in fact intensely political: mass migrations create domestic instability. generate interstate tension and more a mother of intense negotiation and sometimes confrontation between nations. Refugee and mass migration issues have become inexorably. linked with the question of international security.

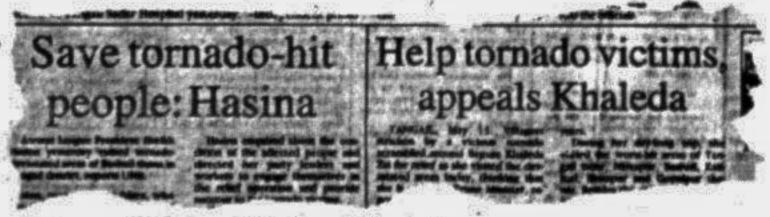
The end of Cold War has given rise to a new issue -ethnic conflicts. The demise of Soviet Communism has put the concept of state, rigid territorial boundaries and national sovereignty under enormous strain. The state composing of many different ethnic communities are breaking up or are simply sliding into anarchy. These ethnic conflicts are creating refugees and now it apparent that any solution towards solving the worldwide refugee problem must resolve the problems of ethnic communities spread all over the

The economic disparity which is widening rapidly throughout the world is causing people to leave their homes and seek a better future in other countries. Mass migration has now become both political and economic problems' and many developed countries are enforcing draconian measures to stop this mi gration which in turn is responsible for deterioration in inter-state relationship. Issues of economic inequality, economic uplift of less developed regions must be addressed before expecting any solutions of the refugee problem.

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## Greater Expectations

The election has been fair. Now, please start working together, writes **Towheed Feroze** 



Right political theme

towards prosperity and development should be given the foremost priority. People don't want to see the continuation of bitterness between the two political parties - BNP and Awami League. The unfortunate. bitterness between the two parties only results in strikes. non-cooperation movements. hartals etc. These hartals and

strikes pose a great threat to the overall socio-economic development of the country.

Lets not see such acrimonious and Absinthian attitude anymore. Lets make the progress of the nation in all spheres of life the main issue. Lets just forget party interests. lets discard our greed for power, authority and strive to-

form to our infant democracy. After years of tireless efforts and insurmountable odds, we have finally found democracy and by Jove, the people want to hold on to this precious gift be it under BNP rule or Awami League rule.

As I have stated earlier our democracy is still in its infancy and it is the sacred duty of our leaders (BNP and AL alike) to see to it that it matures properly and in the right process Therefore, who has won the election is immaterial. Can we not expect to see BNP and Awami League leaders working together for a better Bangladesh? It is a matter of great honour for us for being able to hold two successive fair elections one in 1991 and the other in 1996. Let us increase that honour by working together. The non-cooperation movement earlier this year was a devastating blow to the economic growth of the nation We earnestly hope that there will be no repetition of such deplorable incidents.

Let us sincerely hope that the BNP and Awami League leaders will bury their petty differences and engage in forming an ideal nation worth The writer studies history at

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### The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

**Tuesday 2nd July** (All programmes are in local programmes printed in bold There may be changes in the programmes)

#### BTV

3:00 Opening Amitoun ett seit Al Ouran Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation From the Geeta 3:15 Documentary Film: Cinema Europe 4:00 News in Bangla 4:15 Esho Para Shikhi : Mass Education 4:45 Cartoon Series: The Animals of Parthingwood 5:00 News in Bangla 5:28 Sangeeta : Modern Songs 6:00pm News in Bangla 6:05 National Television Dehate Competition 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Comedy Series: Seinfeld 8:00 News in Bangla 8:40 Drama Serial 10:00 News in English 10:30 Boipatra 10:55 Mini Series: Return Tu Eden 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Wednesday's programme 11:40 Close down

#### BBC

6:00am BBC Newstusto inc. world Besiness Report/ Asia Today/24 Hours 9:00 BBC World Hearlines 9:05 Panorama 10:00 BBC-Newsday 1:00 BBC World News 1:15 Panotama 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: The Contenders 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out:Tomorrow's World 4:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:00pm BBC World News 6:15

News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC Newshour Asia & Pacific 8:30 Time Out : Summer Holdiay 9:00 BBC World News 9:15 Panorama 10:00 BBC World News 10:38 Time Out: Film '96 11:00 The World Tollay 1:00 BBC World Headlines 1:05 Panorama 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: Auction 3:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World News 5:10 Newsnight

Bell In Bosnia 7:00 BBC World

#### CHANNEL V

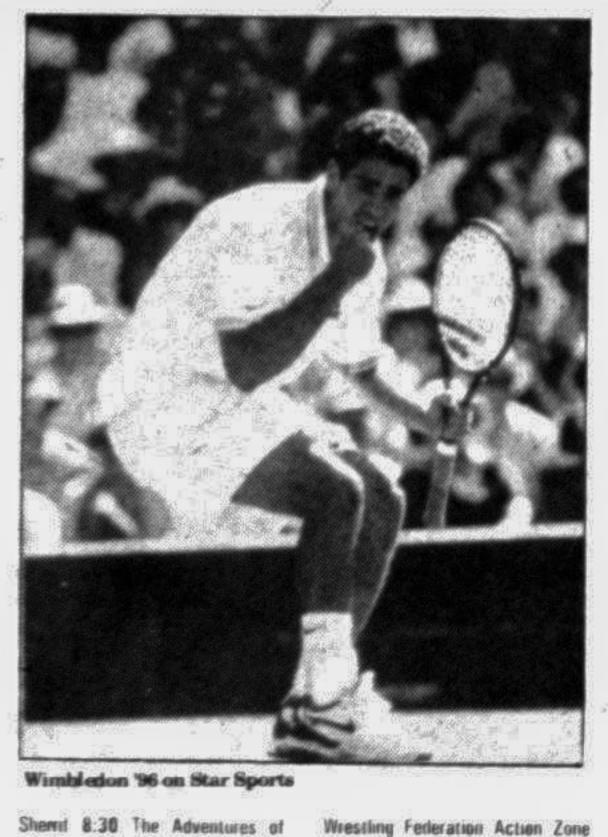
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#### STAR PLUS

5:30am Voltron 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninya Turtles 7:30 Gl Joe 8:00 Saher Rider And The Star



Duniya on Zee TV. Tonight at 10:00



Wimbledon Lawn Tennis

Championships 1996 From London,

GB 4th Round/Round Of 16 4:00

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Netherlands Grand Prix Highlights

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adves Singles Quarter Finals From

ordon, 6.8. 1.00 Futbol Mundral

Championship, 1996 From Czech

Federation Mania 5:00 The

European Tour Peugeot Open de

STAR MOVIES

2:30am Comedy : Mermaids 15

(Araluc Subtitles) 9:30 Classic

Subtitles: 11:30 Musical

(Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Comedy

The Bream Machine 12 (Hind

Subtitles) 3:30 Family : Season Of

Down Argentina Way PG (Arabic

Phantom Of The Paradise 15

France Day 3

3:30 World Wrestling

Superbike

World

Style 9:30 Nanny and the 3:00 Recompton Steele 4:00 Yan Adventures Of Black Beauty 6:00pm Lost in Space 7:00 Home and Away 7:30 Charles in Charge 8:00 MASH 8:30 The Flying Doctors 9:30 The Extraordinary 10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 11:00 Santa Barbara 12:00mn The New Twight Zone 12:30 Baywatch 1:30 Kriket! 2:30 For Your Entertainment 3:00 The Oprah Wintrey Show 4:00 Hooperman 4:30 Home and Away 5:00 The Sullivans 5:30 Gabrielle

#### STAR Sports

7:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships H/L 8:30 World

18 (Hindi Subtitles) 11:15 The Bulletin 11:30 Romance Prelude To A Kiss 15 (Arabic Subtitles) 1:30 Thriller Police Python 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 3:30 After Dark Mafia Docks (Port Of Crime) (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30 Film Club The Lonely Passion Of Judith Hearne 18 (Arabic Subtitles)

#### ZEE TV

5:30am infotainment (TMM) 6:00 News 6.30 Jayran 7:00 ZED Naya A to Z 7:30 ZED Networking 8:00 ZED - Nava A 10 2 8:38 Hum Honge Kaamyah 9 00 Insight 9:30 Gaane Anjaane 10:00 Khana Khazana 10:30 Celesi-Nirma Aaha 12:00 Mr Mintai 12:30 TMKB 1:00 ZED - Chota Byte 1:30 Asian Sky Shop 2:30 Tara 3:00 Filmi Chakkar 3:30 Manasi 4:00 Nerolac Aashiyana 4:30 Rasna Spread Ek Minute 5:00 ZED Chota Byte 5:30 Do Se Bhale Teen 6:00 It's My Show 6:30 Through The Gears 7:00 Captain Cook Shaahi Dawat 7:30 Gaane Anjaane 8:00 Film Deewane 8:30 Hum Paanch 9:00 Sailaab 9:30 Fara 10:00 Hasratein 10:30 News Roundup 11:00 Sharounda 11:30 Taneav 12:00 Daraar 12:30 TVS Sa Re Ga Ma 1:15 Jhalak/Ek Nazar Galaxzee 2:00 Love Stories 2:30 Infotainment (TMM)

#### PTV

8:00am Tilawet Aur Tarjuma/ Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Beauty Care 8:50 Fun Kadha 9:10 Dhanak & Health Tips 10:05 Hartaan He Deepak 10:30 English Film Home Improvement 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 Anital (Serial) 12:00noon Sports Hour 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 The Science Show 90 Yeh Jahan 2:25 Animated Classics 3:15 Geography

Kismat 3:00 Zamin Asman 3:30 5:00 Allah Huma Labbaik 5:25 Mere Message Meri Geet 4:00 Surf Wheel Of Fortune 4:30 Jai Bir Hanuman 5:00 10 Civil Lines 5:30 Alou Courses 7:00 Dhanak 7:45 The Three Stooges 6:00 Dennis English News 8:15 UN Quiz 8:45 The Menace 6:30 | Dream Of Jab Grama Senah 9:00 Break for Jeannie 7:00 Mere Message Men News Geet 7:30 Gaane Jaane Maane Khabarnama & Commercial News & Khushal Pakistan 11:20 VCD Ton Ten 12:30 Dr Quin 1:35 Khas Khas Khabrini Close down

#### SONY ET

8:30am Gaane Jaane Maane 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 | Dream Of Jeanne 10:30 Public Keya Bota 11:00 Penchan 11:30 Cine Matinee Hindi Feature Film 2 30pm

8:30 Cine Prime Hindi Feature Film 11:30 Jagir 12:00mn Apne Jaise Types 12:30 Siddhi 1:00 Sunday Ki Sunday 1:30 Mere Message Meri Goet 2:00 Khoya Kheya

#### DD 7

8.05am Janmadin 8:20 Breaton 8:30 Ogo Nilanjana 9:00 Janam 9:30 TBA 10:00 Adhunik Gaan

10 15 Instrumental Music 12:30 Prachir 1:00 Janani (Serial) 1:30 Bengali Movie Club Film Show 5:05 Science Prog 5:30 News 5:35 Tale Play 6:00 Palli Katha 6:30 Chitraniali 6:55 Amake Dekhun 7:38 Banula Sambad 7:55 Dinindan 8:00 Param Purush Ramkrishna 8:30 Naari 9:00 Policer Dairy Theke (Drama Senal) 9:30 Natu Gamer Daitya (Senal) 18:00 Bengali Movie Club Film Show 1:00 Closed

#### EL TV

Time 8:00 Tarana Aur Fasana Sargam 10:30 Anwa 11:00 Jeena Isi Ka Naam 11:30 Scandal 12 00pm Special 3:00 Karz 3:30

6:00am Ched Chad 7:00 Music



Romantic Undertaking on Star Movies, Tonight at 9:30

My Choice 5:38 Special 7:30 Saryam 8:00 Filmi Chaat 8:30 Teen Do Paanch 9:00 Song Yatra 9.30 Puruskhetra 10:30 Newsline 11 00 Special 12:00 Ched Chad 1:00 Best of the Best 2:00 Taranne Aur Fasane 3:00 Music

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