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The Red and Green Disapora

I would like to thank the author for his well-timed article "Bondor Bazar to Brick Lane" (November 28, 2008). The piece expertly brings out the struggle, hopes and fears of the diaspora community in Britain, and their complex relationship with the land of their forefathers.

There is a lot of talk these days about the importance of remittance in Bangladesh, but not so much about how to use that remittance in a productive way. There is a proverb that says, "you give a man a fish you feed him for a day, but if you teach him to fish you feed him for a lifetime". The NRBs as well as the government of Bangladesh should look to using remittance to generate



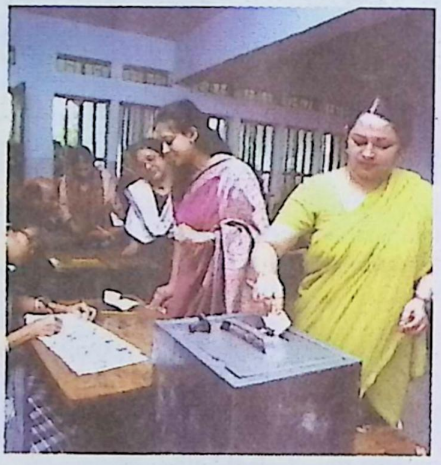
employment. The government should set up one stop shops for NRB investors and also involve NRB professionals in the development of the country. NRB investors should also overcome their inhibitions about investing in Bangladesh.

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Competent Candidates

The forthcoming election is a very important event for our nation. All of us want to see a free and fair election where we will have the chance to vote for honest and responsible candidates. The one quality that doesn't seem to be necessary for the candidates is a certain level of educational qualification. Educated candidates will ensure that his/her cabinet has qualified people working for them. If a Minister lacks academic knowledge in his field, he is most likely to be a bad decision maker or dependent upon what bureaucrats or other people to make decisions for them. That is why it is necessary for the political parties to choose nominees on the basis of honesty, educational qualification and popularity. To cope with this ever changing world, our country needs competent politicians who are aware of changing technology and ideas and are capable of understanding them and taking decisions based on knowledge and not instinct.



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We are all hoping that the national elections will be held on the expected date. On this important day it is our duty to select the right, honest, patriotic and altruistic person to lead the country in the right direction. In the past we have chosen the wrong people who have made a mess of the country. Under their leadership Bangladesh has become a champion in corruption several times which led the country to further destruction. Now we are conscious and we know who are the candidates who have the capability of building a better Bangladesh like Sir Thomas Moore's 'Utopia' in England, where he advocates for a responsible government, religious tolerance and where the leaders will always be concerned for the betterment of the country. We have to forget what happened in the past and look towards the future. For this reason our vote, which is our right, should be given in a judicious way.

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