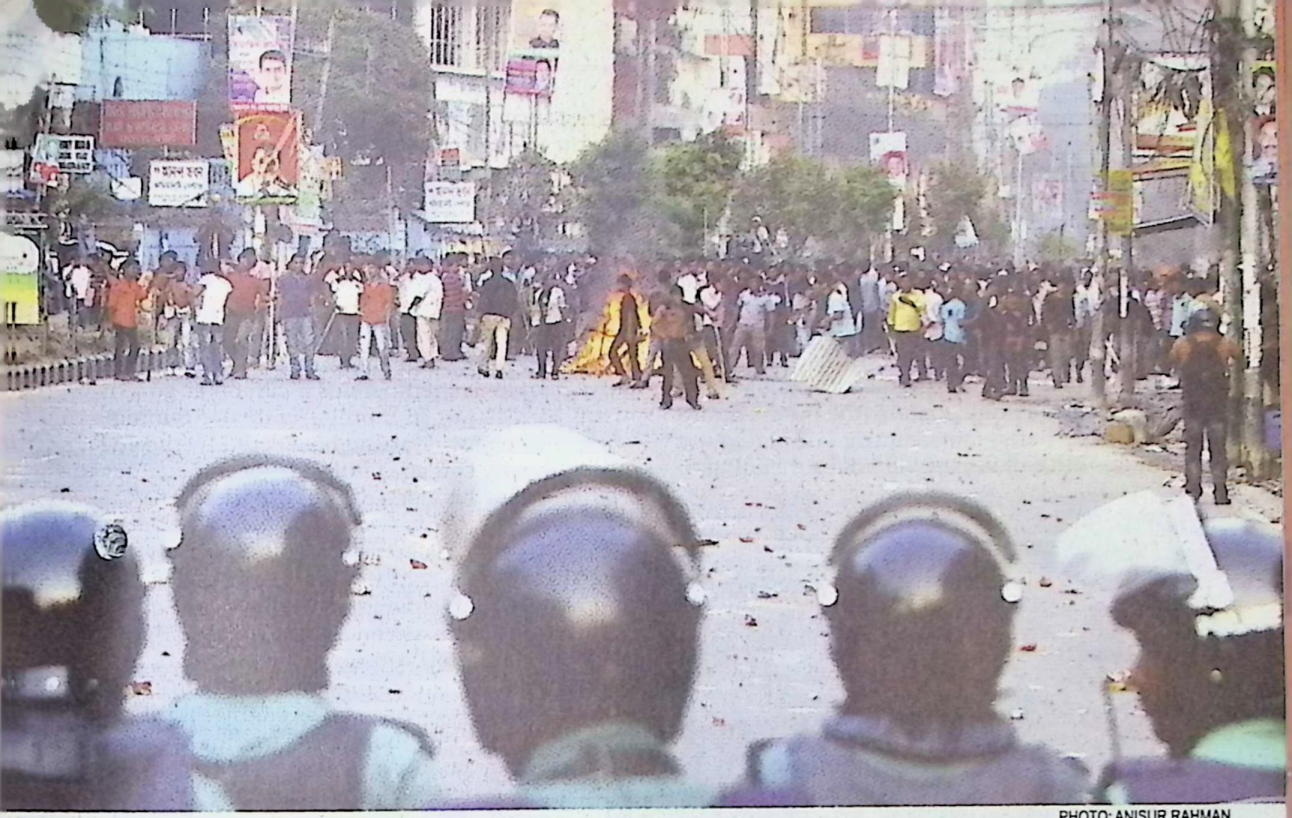


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Confrontational politics has disappointed the people.

**Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has presented her own peace model before the world. "Shouldn't she initiate a peaceful dialogue in her own country?"**

parliamentary committees and letting the opposition head some of those, forming a judicial service commission to depoliticise the judiciary, reinforcing local administration through decentralisation of power are among other concerns," he says.

But how would the leaders talk over a cup of tea when they cannot stand the presence of one another? Political scientist Dilara Choudhury, former JU professor of Governance and Politics, wonders.

"Our leaders have been persistent in violating the norms of democracy after being elected with public support and it is difficult to get rid of this culture," she says, "It is even easier to throw out a military dictator as there is no public support. The civil society's feeble voice is insufficient when the elected leaders become unresponsive to the norms of democracy."

With the unbending nature unchanged, are we then a failure for democracy or is a democratic system incompatible for our unyielding politicians?

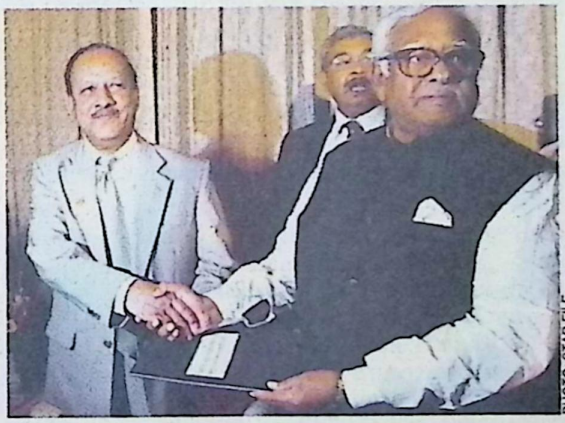


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Abdul Jalil and Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan both failed to convince their leaders for a conversation.

"I think our people are still unqualified for democracy," she comments, "We will be a failed nation without democracy and our leaders are responsible for this. There is a notion of tribalism of political parties with blind followers in the society that disregards the public."

The rising tension between the two parties particularly revolves around the BNP's demand for a caretaker government while it has been abolished during the AL's current regime. Professor Choudhury admits that there is apparently no way out if our leaders maintain rigid positions. Asked how this tension can be resolved, she observes that caretaker government is incompatible with parliamentary government system. "It's a direct