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Clean faces, Clean Hands and Clean Minds

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I know MPs who are honest.

You know MPs who repay their bank loans.

We all know MPs who live their life with only white money.

I have met MPs who obey the law.

You have met MPs who respect the law enforcers.

We all have met MPs who have nothing to do with criminals.

I am acquainted with MPs who are polite.

You are acquainted with MPs who are either perfect gentlemen or dignified ladies.

We all are acquainted with MPs who do not go about kicking journalists.

I am aware of MPs who are rational.

You are aware of MPs who treat all and sundry with all fairness.

We all are aware of MPs who would never construct a road over a graveyard.

I have seen MPs forever content with what they have.

You have seen MPs who do not become banana trees overnight.

We all have seen MPS who would never think of grabbing land belonging to others.

Then why should a handful, few, two MPs, or in some cases a single MP who are dishonest, loan defaulters and black money hoarders be allowed to tarnish the image of all the MPs past, present and future?

Why will other MPs sit back and watch the painting of such unfair stigma by one or few of their delinquent colleagues who flout the law, have no respect for the law enforcers and who are amidst crime and the criminals?

Should the MPS not only demand but actually take action against any errant MP who behaves inhumanly, and kicks people instead of footballs?

MPs behaving irrationally, being unfair and grabbing land and/or property belonging to others should be summarily made an ex-colleague socially, and then meted out with appropriate punitive measures as per legal provisions.

Only when the others have a banana tree to hide, they remain silent after any occurrence of wrong-doing, lest their conduct too should be exposed.

The people are demanding and expecting and hoping for better behaviour by public representatives. And we tend to forget between elections that MPs are sent up there by the people? Some MPs take the law into their own hands being a lawmaker.It is not too late to introduce yellow card and red card in the house.

Money launderer or washed *tulsi* leaf, Padma Bridge or 6500MW of electricity, share market or foreign exchange deposit, fate or Destiny, in the forthcoming national elections a lot is expected to depend on the type of persons who get nomination from the major parties, as seen in the last. That time Awami League managed to trim many heavyweights and bring in a bevy of new faces, and they earned their dividend. BNP stuck to their old guards and paid the price.

In the upcoming national elections Awami League will have to crop out the poorly performing MPs and ministers from their list of parliamentary nominations. BNP, Jatiya Party and others will also have to bring in clean faces, clean hands, and clean minds. The five-year elections is one big opportunity to clean house, although there is no bar to do it annually, monthly or even on a daily basis depending on the severity of the matter.

People, well voters actually, judge a party by the company it keeps. It is not unnatural for a member of any party to do something wrong. It happens in every country of the world. That is why they all have penal codes, police, judiciary, and prisons. What is wrong is the protection of the wrong-doers by a party. And people are watching. The electorates deserve good people as their representatives. They demand honest people as their face in the parliament. It is their bastion of dignity.

Records will testify from newspaper reports that police during the tenure of this government have been able to make more arrests of student, youth, and other political elements belonging to the party in power than at any other time in our history, despite intimidation from partisan groups. It is expected the trend will continue to ultimately achieve as much totality as possible in the global context.

Any government does or tries to do some good works. Sometimes a government achieves several of its goals with plenty of support from the people and the bureaucracy. But it takes only one rotten apple to spoil the cart. All the good performances of a government and its people can be undone by one minister, one MP, or one civil servant singing out of key. The question is: does that stupid apple have the right to remain in the basket? Let's throw it out and move on. Come on!