voicebox

"The election was not credible, which didn't reflect the aim of Bangladeshi people. It's the obligation of the government to provide spaces and it is also obligation of opposition political parties to use the spaces peacefully."

DAN W MOZENA
US Ambassador in Dhaka
In a meeting of BNP leaders with the foreign diplomats stationed in Dhaka

"I know the art of politics. I am very much convinced that BNP will come to the talks and through this the ongoing political crisis will end."

SYED ASHRAFUL ISLAM
LGRD and Cooperatives Minister
Confirming that talks with BNP is going on behind the scene



"Sheikh Hasina does not bow down to any pressure. Be it national or international."

SHEIKH HASINA
Prime Minister of Bangladesh
Said in response to reporters' queries after taking oath for the third time as the prime minister at Bangabhaban

"No one can be in both government and in opposition. We want a genuine opposition party- one which will constructively criticise the government."

SURANJIT SENGUPTA
Awami League Leader
While addressing a programme organized by Bangabandhu Academy at Institution of Diploma Engineers in Dhaka

"Though Jatiya Party is a part of the new cabinet, it will make constructive criticism about the government."

TOFAIL AHMED
Commerce Minister of the newly- inducted cabinet
Made the comment while talking to reporters during his first day of office at Secretariat

"If I run then it must be at the request of the people and with a mandate from my army... We work in a democracy."

GENERAL ABDEL FATAH AL-SISI
Egypt's army chief
Indicating that he will run for the upcoming presidential election

"What if my children choose to study and work in the US? What if I can never return to the US, which I cannot now. Does it mean we will never be able to live together as a family again?"

DEVYANI KHOBRAGADE
Indian diplomat
Told an Indian newspaper of her anguish at leaving behind her daughters, aged seven and four, in New York along with her husband