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There is a candle in your heart, ready to be kindled. There is a void in your soul, ready to be filled. You feel it, don't you? - RUMI

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Avoid pre-election clashes

At the onset of a national election, we hope the polls are going to be free and fair with the participation of all political parties. The lessons of previous elections are not encouraging as people of different political parties engaged in violent clashes which threaten the everyday lives of the masses. Instead of jointly creating a favorable atmosphere for healthy competition, it seems that for political parties, winning by hook or by crook is their ultimate end. Unwanted harassment, killings, setting vehicles on fire, destroying public property—the lives and livelihoods of people are at high risk during these times.

Though law enforcement agencies seem ready to tackle any situation, we should be very careful in these times. We should extend our helping hands to the Election Commission and demand that safe and conducive conditions are provided so that pre-election clashes can be avoided.

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Proper safety for W O M E N remains a far cry

Ensuring proper safety for women remains a far cry as women still face harassment and ignominious behaviour when outside on the streets. Everyday, school and college-going girls and working women—particularly garment workers—are victims of such treatment. The latest incident where a young woman was harassed while commuting after midnight has again proved that there is hardly any security for women and girls outside. The video of the young woman being harassed by the policemen is in direct contradiction of the duty of law enforcers, who are supposed to be mercurial in ensuring safety for women. They instead shone a torch in her face and questioned her character and even threatened to take her away if they wished. Is it an offence for young women or girls to travel alone after midnight? The authorities however have issued a statement that they have been able to identify the policemen who were harassing the young woman. They should be suspended for their shameful behaviour.

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