

## CG Netting the Big Fishes and Cleaning Up the Mess: Some Suggestions

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The current CG has been enjoying the total and full support of the whole nation. It must continue its great crusade in catching and cracking down on the corrupt, who have been ruining our country from the time of Ershad onwards, the first major period of rampant, large-scale corruption, to be overshadowed by the later AL and BNP governments, especially (and unfortunately) by the massive, mammoth, wholesale corruption by the last BNP-led government—the government I used to support in my long-standing opposition to AL, which has always been anathema to me for hundreds of reasons, if not more. Coming back to the point, let us forget about the fake and fraudulent election in the name of so-called democracy, dehydrated, degenerated, decomposed, deceitful as it has become and thus detrimental to the interest of the nation. No need of such a bad joke as election for at least a period of fifteen years from now. Most, most politicians in AL, BNP and JP are a bunch of crooks and criminals and cheats and thieves and thugs and hooligans and touts and tricksters and gangsters and smugglers and looters and plunderers and extortionists and many of them being simply foolish and clownish in their flattery and sycophancy, uneducated, illiterate, morally repugnant and vicious and obnoxious, ideologically empty and hollow and bankrupt. We need drastic changes, complete overhaul, radically new fresh apocalyptic start, to open the eyes of the nation, like the new reborn world following Prophet Noah's flood.

It seems Tareq Rahman was the root of all evil, “joto shorbonasher mool” for the downfall of BNP. He has most foolishly squandered his chance of being at the helm of the country one day by his alleged and rumored involvement in a number of most notorious scandals. His mother surely was no less responsible for the downfall of her own party. She must have given free rein to all kinds of corruption at connivance. Everything must have happened under her watch. Pregnant with absolute and autocratic power, the swelling gloating boasting corrupt elements together with their dark underworld cohorts and murderous and heinous accomplices had a free hand in trampling down all the rule of law and destroying, looting and plundering the country. They destroyed the party and disappointed us all. They must be brought to justice and let there be a new leadership under those who are honest and sincere, mature and experienced, noble and patriotic, broad and enlightened. Never again the country must be allowed to be held hostage to rouge politicians and rouge labor and union and association leaders. All the major parties should be radically reconstructed and get rid of corrupt elements and start afresh. Both women should be out. All the money looted should be retrieved, all the property plundered confiscated. All those corrupt persons who have been caught and are yet to be caught (from all parties and sectors) must be made to return all the money and suffer appropriate jail sentences.

But please, not just the politicians. Of course, they got to be the first to get nabbed and netted. But CG also got to go after others—civil servants, big bureaucrats, fat

administrators, oversize police (by common consent terribly corrupt department, all OCs and the clerk/munshi in every thana being absolutely corrupt), Chittagong port and other ports, which are the bastions of corruption and so on. Lots and lots of people from these departments who are corrupt from top to toe got to be caught and caged.

All these people, from the highest level down, must be punished not just by a jail sentence only and being forced to return all, all the money including a penny that they had stole and extorted but also by some old but very effective means as well: caning in public, making them sit down and stand up by holding their ears in public and "nake-khot" in public. This kind of shameful and humiliating punishment will break their nerve and will never ever dare to speak out loud and empty again. If they try to do so people will simply say "shit" to them. A simple jail sentence will make them hero sometimes after they get out.

Also, there should be a law that will prevent the corrupt from using their former or current title or position so that they do not have a chance to embellish their name and life and thereby get extra social attention any more: no ex-MP, ex-Minister, ex-Secretary, no ex-this or that. It should be made punishable offence for them if they continue to use such identifications after being accused and convicted.

One last word of not that light moral reflection. Perhaps these criminal offenders should not suffer too long or too stiff a jail sentence. Only a light sentence may be enough, of course, in addition to those old and highly effective means of humiliating punishment and getting back all the money and material they stole. I say this because in Bangladesh, since its emergence, there never was any rule of law whatsoever. Therefore, all politicians and gangsters and godfathers simply followed the previous precedents of corruption, all followed the tradition without any fear. They had no fear because there was no example of punishment. Since this is the first time the rule of law is going to be established and this is the first time the corrupt have been caught, they may perhaps be shown a bit of leniency in terms of the period behind bars!

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