

Press Release

HRA Foundation: A Call to Action for Students, Citizens, and Political Leaders of Bangladesh

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Bangladesh at a Crossroads: A Call for National Reflection and Action

At this pivotal moment in Bangladesh's history, the HRA Foundation calls upon the nation—students, citizens, and political parties alike—to rise to the challenge of transforming our governance for a brighter future. As we stand at the threshold of change, it is time to evaluate the true commitment of political parties and leaders to the people they claim to serve.

For too long, political rhetoric has obscured genuine progress. Slogans like *"The party is bigger than the individual, and the country is bigger than the party"* have been used as mere tools of manipulation. Historical parallels demonstrate this misuse of authority:

- **Religious texts** were exploited to justify power—from the Gita in Hindu Brahmanism to the Church's role under Roman, British, and Christian rulers.
- Even in Bangladesh, **religious sentiments** were exploited under autocrats like Ershad, who declared Islam as the state religion while pursuing a life contrary to Islamic principles.

Today, another instrument is at play—the **Constitution**. The very Constitution that governs our country has been weaponized:

- It has criminalized the scrutiny of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's family, undermining accountability and transparency.
 - The **Digital Security Act, 2018**, shields Sheikh Hasina and her family from online criticism, while silencing dissenting voices and deterring public discourse.
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A Call for Progress: Moving Beyond the Constraints of the Past

History shows that nations evolve, and it is time for Bangladesh to move forward. The HRA Foundation urges the people of Bangladesh to honor the aspirations of the 36th of July Revolution and advocate for a fresh start—one that reflects the true will of the people.

We propose a **new Constitution**, shaped by citizens, that prioritizes the collective vision for the future. To cling to the 1972 Constitution without reform is to perpetuate a cycle of failed governance. Protecting outdated frameworks serves only the interests of those in power, while citizens are left behind.

The HRA Foundation's Proposal: A Revolutionary Government for All

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The HRA Foundation presents its **model for a Revolutionary Government**—a governance system built on inclusivity, transparency, and meritocracy. Inspired by the ideas of Professor Muhammad Yunus and Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury, this proposal seeks to address the shortcomings of the current political structure.

We challenge political parties and leaders to review this model. If they truly believe in the principle of placing the country above politics, we ask:

1. What issues do you find in this model?
 2. In which areas do you feel your goals are not being served?
 3. What is your alternative solution to the systemic failures we face today?
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Accountability Begins with Political Parties

To demonstrate their commitment to the nation, we call on all political parties to take the following steps:

1. **Publish Electoral Manifestos:** Allow for public and student-led scrutiny of proposed policies and governance models, point by point.
2. **Nominate Candidates Transparently:** Release the CVs of prospective Members of Parliament and cabinet members for public evaluation.
3. **Engage in Public Dialogue:** Openly address citizen concerns regarding their manifestos and candidate qualifications.

It is time for political leaders to step out of their comfort zones and prove their dedication to the people's welfare—not just their party's survival.

The Path Forward

The people of Bangladesh—especially its students and young citizens—hold the power to shape the nation's future. This is a call to action:

- Demand accountability from leaders.
- Advocate for governance rooted in merit, integrity, and the collective aspirations of the people.
- Reject manipulation and outdated frameworks that hinder progress.

The HRA Foundation stands ready to collaborate with citizens, students, and leaders who are committed to building a new Bangladesh—one that upholds the principles of justice, equity, and transparency.

Together, we can move beyond the constraints of history and craft a future worthy of the dreams of our forebears and the aspirations of our youth.

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A Table Highlighting the Key Differences Between Our Proposed Revolutionary Government & Single-Party Government:

| Aspect | Revolutionary Government | Single-Party Government |
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| Democracy | Reform-oriented, inclusive, participatory | Centralized, party-driven, limited pluralism |
| Election | Indirect, merit-based, community-centric | Limited competition, party-controlled |
| Spirit of Liberation War | Focused on unifying ideals of equity and justice | Emphasizes party's historical role, risks rhetoric misuse |
| Continuation of Awami League | Advocates moving beyond party-based dominance | Ensures the party's continuity and dominance |
| People's Verdict | Direct involvement in candidate evaluation | Constrained to party-dominated electoral processes |

For a detailed overview of our **Revolutionary Government Proposal**, visit www.hrafstore.com

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This press release is a rallying cry for students and citizens to champion change and for political parties to demonstrate their sincerity and accountability. Together, let us build a Bangladesh that truly reflects the will of its people.