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PEACE MUST BE RESTORED IN BANGLADESH

The students' protest on reservation sparked significant political developments in Bangladesh. Later, it was observed that the protest initiated by the students was eventually taken over by the public. The increasing unemployment, soaring prices, and widespread poverty in the country intensified the protest.

Instead of dealing with the protest democratically, the government tried to suppress it by using the army and the police. The government was deluded that it could quash the strike by imposing a curfew, arresting opposition leaders and resorting to force. Hundreds of protesters died in the firing. As the government's repressive measures escalated, the protesters fervently called for the immediate resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Eventually, the protesters stormed the Prime Minister's residence.

The sudden resignation and run away of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from Bangladesh amid escalating political turmoil has raised significant concerns regarding the stability of the

As political tensions rise, it is imperative for all stakeholders to engage in dialogue and seek peaceful resolutions to the crisis. Restoring peace in Bangladesh is a multifaceted endeavour that requires collaboration, commitment, and compassion from all sectors of society. By fostering dialogue, strengthening democratic institutions, addressing socioeconomic challenges and promoting social cohesion, Bangladesh can pave the way for a stable future.

To stabilize the political landscape, it is essential to reinforce the rule of law and uphold democratic norms. Ensuring that law enforcement operates impartially and protects citizens' rights is crucial for rebuilding public trust. Independent judicial processes must be prioritized to hold accountable those responsible for political violence and human rights violations.

Bangladesh is a nation rich in cultural diversity, and promoting social cohesion is vital for long-term peace. Efforts to foster understanding and respect among different ethnic, religious, and cultural communities can mitigate tensions and build a stronger national identity.

When there is a serious socio-political crisis in the country, the people should be prepared to be vigilant against malicious attempts to destabilize the country by fostering religious rivalry. The demolition of party offices and religious institutions and the destruction of the statue of the founding Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Mujib Rahman are not only reprehensible actions but will only serve to increase the tension in the country. Extreme vigilance is also needed against interference by imperialist forces with vested interests.

The All India Forward Bloc urges everyone, especially those living in the border areas of Bangladesh, to be careful not to fall into the trap of creating news that is spread with the ulterior motive of creating division among the people.

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