

Compromise depends on Jamaat ban

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The Bangladesh Economic Association held a meeting on Saturday at Lakeshore Hotel of the capital to discuss the current political situation of the country. The speakers in the meeting said, 'The current economic condition is now intolerant. The businesses are gradually deteriorating. If this condition continues any further the economy of the country will collapse. This requires compromise and for that the violence has to be put to an end. Violence and compromise cannot go hand in hand. The politics that uses religion has to be abolished. Compromise and solutions can happen only when the issues are taken into account.'

The seminar titled 'Violent Politics, the future of the country in crisis' was led by Professor Abul Barakat, the president of the association.

Many prominent figures including the former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank Kahndakar Ibrahim Khalid, ambidextrous writer Sayed Shamsul Haque, former governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Forashuddin Ahmed, educationist Zafar Iqbal, Chairman of allowing commission of University Professor A.K. Azad Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor Professor of Dhaka University A.A.M.S Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of

National University Dr. Harun-ur-Rashid, Journalist Abid Khan, Professor of ULAB University Dr. Salimullah Khan, Dr Zia Rahman and others took part in the discussion.

The professor of Shah Jala Science and Technology University and renowned writer Dr. Zafar Iqbal said, 'In order to come to a compromise we have to abolish the politics of Jamaat, apart from that it is impossible to come to a solution.' He also included that it is important for us to come out of foreign influence.

Criticizing the intellectuals Zafar Iqbal commented, there are many intellectuals who are in favor of Jammat Shibir and the war criminals. They even write big column in newspapers to halt the elections. They has to keep in mind that Awami League will not come to an compromise with BNP unless they come out of the influence of Jamaat.

The former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank Khandakar Ibrahim Khaled said that the discussion between Khaleda and Hasina can never be successful as they both demands different things. The same situation took place in 1971 when Bangabandhu and Yahya sat for a discussion. He also adde that Jamaat is ot an organization but a part of an international terrorist group in Bangladesh. He demanded the abolish-

ment of violence and politics based on religion. The ones who are assisting Jamaat has to clear up if they are doing this on purpose or not.

Professor Salimullah Khan said, BNP wanted to conduct politics with the help of Jamaat. But their plan has been foiled. They even thought that if they would fail to achieve their goal at least army would take over. This was not successful either. In order to bring back peace and order the political parties has to work together.

The chairman of the Bangladesh Economic Association and economist Abul Barakat said, The nation has failed to provide the citizens with their rights in many sectors. We demand a solution to that. Barakt said, Is this a protest for livelihood or for democracy?

Deputy Chairman of the renowned business organization Helal Uddin Ahmed said that the economic condition is beyond worse at the moment due to the continuous blockade and hartals. 2 crore small businessmen are at crisis. The situation was better prior 2 months. This has even affected the garments industry of the nation. Prominent economist and former governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr. Forashuddin Ahmed said, around 60 percent of the people will be going for elections on Sunday. There will be severe competition between 53-60 seats.



Noted economist Abul Barakat speaking at a discussion meeting organized by Bangladesh Economic Association in the capital city on Saturday. Photo: TBT

