

Greater Washington Awami League (GWAL)

The vision of Awami League for resolution of crisis and a prosperous future

Vision 2021

Bangladesh as we want to see in 2021

- 1. Caretaker Government, Democracy & Effective Parliament**
 - a. Democracy and strong democratic institutions will be established for holding reliable election at regular intervals, accountability of government and effective Parliament. All necessary steps will be taken for making Parliament effective.
- 2. Political framework, Decentralization of Power & People's Participation**
 - a. Local government will be given due importance with a view to effecting radical change of the political system. The local government institutions will play a critical role in development programmes. Self-reliant local self-government institutions will be established at upazila and zila levels to this end.
- 3. Good governance through establishing Rule of Law and avoiding Political Partisanship**
 - a. Human rights will be established on a strong footing with a view to ensuring rule of law. Independence of the judiciary will be ensured and the Institutions of the State and Administration will be freed from partisan influence. The basis of appointment and promotion will be merit, efficiency, seniority, honesty and loyalty to the Republic; political connection will have no relevance.
- 4. Transformation of political culture**
 - a. Terrorism, corruption and use of religion for politics will be stopped. Steps appropriate to the time will be taken to establish democratic principles in the political parties, transparency of political funding, civility and tolerance.
- 5. A society free from corruption**
 - a. The institutions of the State will be made more effective along with the independent and strong Anti-corruption Commission for curbing corruption. Social resistance to corruption will be promoted alongside legal steps. All possible steps will be taken to stop corruption such as Charter of Citizens' Rights, Right to Information, Computerization of Official Documents, and Decentralization of Power.
- 6. Empowerment and Equal Rights for Women**

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- a. The Women's Policy of 1997 will be revived for ensuring equal right and access for women to the state and social space; laws which discriminate against women will be amended; and 100 seats will be reserved for women for direct election.

7. Economic Development & Initiative

- a. **Meeting basic needs:** With a view to providing food, clothing, shelter, education and health care to the citizens in accordance with Article 15 of the Constitution, gross domestic product will be raised to 8% by 2013 and 10% by 2021 which will be sustained thereafter.
- b. **Population and labour force:** Population in 2021 is estimated at 165 million, and labour force at 105 million. Programmes will be taken up for employment of 85% of the work force.
- c. **Alleviation of poverty:** We aim not at reduction of poverty, but removal of poverty, to which end we shall try to achieve the Millennium Goals declared by UN by 2015, and by 2017 latest. Beginning in 2021, poverty will be reduced to 15% from 45% now progressively. Poverty will rise from 45 million now to 65 million in 2021, and then fall to 25 million in 2021. Bangladesh Awami League <http://www.albd.org/autoalbd> Powered by Joomla! Generated: 9 November, 2009, 19:32 Sustainable safety net will be established for the extreme poor until poverty is removed.
- d. **Food & nutrition:** Food deficit will be removed and self-reliance in food production achieved by 2012, which will enable us to meet the nutrition needs of 85% of the population.
- e. **Health Care:** By 2021, minimum daily intake of 2122 kilo calories of food, elimination of contagious disease, primary health care and sanitation for all will be ensured. Average longevity will be increased to seventy years, and efforts will be made for the reduction of child and maternal mortality.
- f. **Education:** Enrolment at the primary level will be increased to 100 percent net by 2010. Elimination of illiteracy by 2014, improvement in the quality of education, creation of a generation educated in science and technology, make degree level education free by 2013 and ensuring higher salary for teachers are the other educational goals.
- g. **Industry:** A strong foundation for industrialization will be established by 2021. Contribution of the industrial sector to national GDP will be doubled. Primacy will be given to agro and labour intensive industries and the highest emphasis will be given to information technology sector. The investment policy will be geared to implementing a strategy attracting both domestic and foreign investment.
- h. **Energy Security:** An energy policy will be adopted tapping all sources of traditional and non-traditional energy to ensure accelerated rate of economic development and industrialization. A three year crash programme will be taken up to meet the existing crisis. By 2015, electricity production will be increased to

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8000 megawatt. By 2021, demand for electricity is projected to increase to 20,000 megawatt. We will take all possible actions aiming at enhancing our generation capacity. To increase gas production, regular survey of gas resources and work on well development will be undertaken. To meet energy demand, efforts will be undertaken for regional energy security through mutual cooperation in addition to exploring internal sources.

- i. **Infrastructural Development:** Road, rail, river and air transport and telecommunication systems will be expanded. Construction of bridge, tunnel for Padma and Karnaphuli rivers, connecting Bangladesh with Asian Highway and Asian Railway, improvement of port facilities, building of a deep sea port to open up Bangladesh ports to countries of Asia will be implemented. In Dhaka, construction of metro tunnel, elevated rail and circular rail to remove traffic jams and to solve public transport problems will be studied forthwith in order to undertake a feasible project. The project will then be implemented on a priority basis.
- j. **Housing:** By 2015, housing for all will be ensured. In every union and upazila, 'growth center' centric village housing and in towns housing with modern amenities will be implemented.
- k. **Environment:** All measures will be taken to protect Bangladesh-- including planned migration abroad-- from the adverse effects of climate change and global warming. Facing natural calamities, planned reduction of air pollution, prevention of industry and transport related air pollution and disposal of waste in scientific manner will be ensured. Steps will be taken to make Bangladesh an ecologically attractive place through retention of forests and water bodies and prevention of river erosion.
- l. **Water Resources:** Bangladesh Awami League will take the initiative to formulate a comprehensive regional water policy along with India, Nepal and Bhutan for regional water security. In addition, in keeping with a comprehensive water policy, articulated earlier by Bangladesh Awami League, measures will be taken for development of our water resources and their rational use.

8. Bangladesh in the Global Arena

- a. **Achievements of liberation:** Multi-pronged measures will be taken to uphold the glorious history and the fruits of liberation, to energize the new generation with the spirit of liberation struggle, patriotism and love for humanity. Highest priority will be given to development of innovative spirit of the younger generations and opportunity will be provided for them to participate in nation building activities.
- b. **Culture:** Measures will be taken to remove obstacles in the development of Bengali culture, literature, art, music and sport and to provide all opportunities by the state to enable the younger generations to attain international standards and to contribute to the nation.

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- c. **Foreign Policy:** In international affairs Bangladesh will follow the policy of 'friendship towards all and malice towards none'.

Proposed Milestones

- 2010: 100 percent net student enrolment at primary level.
- 2011: Supply of pure drinking water for the entire population.
- 2012: Self-sufficiency in food.
- 2013: Each house brought under hygienic sanitation.
- 2013: Attain 8 percent annual growth rate; this will be increased to 10 percent in 2017 and sustained.
- 2013: Bangladesh generates 7000 megawatt of electricity which will be further increased to 8000 megawatt in 2015.
- Steps will be taken to increase power generation capacity assuming that the demand for power will reach the level of
- 20000 megawatt in 2021.
- 2013: Free tuition up to degree level.
- 2014: Bangladesh attains full literacy.
- 2015: Living accommodation for the entire population.
- 2021: Contribution of agriculture, industry and service sector to GDP will stand at 15, 40 and 45 respectively in place of
- 22, 28 and 50 percent as at present.
- 2021: Unemployment reduced to 15 percent from the present rate of 40 percent.
- 2021: Labor in agriculture comes down to 30 % from 48% at present.
- 2021: Labor in industry is 25% from 16% and in service 45% from 36% at present.
- 2021: Poverty rate comes down to 15% from 45% at present.
- 2021: Bangladesh known as a country of educated people with skills in information technology.
- 2021: 85% of the population have standard nutritional food.
- 2021: Poor people ensured a minimum of 2122 kilo calories of food.
- 2021: All kinds of contagious diseases eliminated.
- 2021: Longevity increases to 70 years.
- 2021: Infant mortality comes down to 15 from 54 per thousand at present
- 2021: Maternal death rate reduced to 1.5% from 3.8%.
- 2021: Use of birth control methods increased to 80%