

THE GOVERNMENT COULD TOPPLE

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Good Value Democratic Party (GVDP) is a newly set up political party in the Country of Deuceland. The Country of Duceland has been governed by the dominant political party the Peoples Democratic Voice (PDV) for over a decade and is ambitious to continue its hold over government of Dueceland.

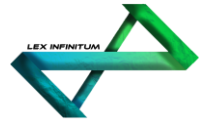
The Country of Deuceland was formed due to the political struggle from a monarchy, spearheaded by the Free Peoples Voice (FPV) and it ruled the country for over twenty years. However due to allegations of corruption the Peoples Democratic Voice (PDV) was able to launch a campaign against corruption and it overthrew the Free Peoples Voice (FPV) in the general elections and came to power ten years back on a huge mandate.

Over the last 5 years there has been a series of bad decisions by the Government of Peoples Democratic Voice (PDV) and the Good Value Democratic party (GDVP) became a force to recon with as they launched a campaign for good governance. The mood of the people was that they were fed up with the instances of corruption, nepotism and bad decisions of the previous governments of PDV and FPV. The people voted for a change in the general elections held 14 months back.

In a house of Legislators of 300 members the GDVP managed to get 110 elected members, the PDV got a reduced mandate of 130 members and the FPV managed to get 60 members elected. The midway mark to control the house and thus form the government is 151 members and no political party has the required mandate. However, the FPV pledged outside support to the GDVP on the basis that people had voted for a change and thus GDVP formed the Government with the pledge and support from FPV.

In the last 14 months the GDVP has been in power, it has reversed many of the controversial decisions of the PDV government and the main reversals of the





decision was the restoration of a green belt corridor and the decision to allow corporate giants into agricultural cultivation. These two projects were the prestigious projects of the previous PDV government and it had huge financial backing from corporate giants who were now angry that their investment was in jeopardy.

The PDV therefore planned to engineer a split in the GDVP using a local Urban Leader Madan Gupte who was feeling hurt that his Industrialization and urban housing initiatives were not getting the support from his party the GDVP. The Chief Minister of the GDVP government SukhSagar Patil is a Tribal Leader and has the backing of the tribal and hinterland belt. The power struggle between the GDVP has split the party in two halves with each faction claiming 55 members support and Madan Gupte is threatening a split in the GDVP Party.

This split could cause the fall of the popular GDVP government and already the press is giving a hostile write up about the possible defection and or split against the popular mandate of 14 months back. There is also apprehension of people's movement hostile to the engineering of the downfall of the popular government of SukhSagar Patil. There are indications that there is to be a huge padayatra from the rural, tribal and hinterland people especially the farmers against any threat to the government of SukhSagar Patil.

The FPV is alarmed that a split in the GDVP would create a chance for the PDV to come back to power and it is apparent that huge financial support from the Business Conglomerates is at play in engineering the split of the GDVP. There are rumors that Madan Gupte is in advanced discussion with PDV for outside support to a government that may be formed with the split group. The leader of the FPV party who is also an Urban Leader has convinced Madan Gupte to sit with SukhSagar Patil for a mediated discussions with a retired Diplomat Chandra Shekar Azad as the mediator. Each Party will be assisted by his/her political advisor.

