

MATHEMATICS

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In my country, the syllabus of leadership is filled
with solved examples of failure. There are no more models,
only functions without real solutions. The men here are busy
permutating their own fortunes. Things are not always adding up.
Say the mathematics of a nation refuses to balance. Say we have been solving
the same equation since independence. Say we resolve inequality
with inhumanity. The outcome of an election is a reoccurring decimal
endlessly repeating but never rounding up. We keep iterating the same formula
and expecting new results. The constant in our national equation
is corruption. Justice here is an inverse function, the higher the status,
the lower the consequence. Who will pay for bright eyes for the blindness
of our education? When will our sequence of change converge to progress?
Perhaps until democracy stops running on long division
and citizens find their common denominator.