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Double shift

I congratulate Mohammad Nuruzzaman and Rubul Amin for their critical article on "Double shift," published in your Campus Page on 26.7.1986. Their argument is lucid and logical.

There is clearly an

urgent need for the decolonization of our system of higher education, which has miserably failed to make any positive contribution towards the development of our country and the progress of our society as a whole, since 1947.

On present neo-colonialist system of university education is geared towards producing a misinformed elite that is divorced from the traditions of our domestic culture, but is armed with imported ideologies to perpetuate itself as well as foreign domination and

exploitation at the cost of the general mass of society, thus effectively terminating all scope for equitable national development.

The second annual crop of intermediate students (the just being those who obtain admission into our universities each year) are totally unfit, from a purely academic and intellectual point of view, for admission into any university anywhere.

The situation is bad enough already, without further accentuation of the problem/tragedy.

The system of higher education in Bangladesh requires qualitative improvement now, not qualitative expansion.

Let us initiate a movement for the revival of academic excellence at our institutions of higher education, but let us not convert our universities into charity institutions, as implied by the demand for double shift.

We should have a development-oriented education system, not a westernized system.

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