

## Readers' letters

### Examination : a national problem

Now a days public examinations have become a national problem. Some of the examination centres were virtually turned into mini battle fields. The last S.S.C. Examination was a complete farce. Our adolescents have publicly taken first lesson of adopting unfair means in their first public examination. The secondary school teachers' strike and the govt.'s firmness to hold the S.S.C. Examination by hook or by crook have made the examinations a great farce. Even the examinees of the Madrasah Examination did not lag behind. The society will soon meet with a catastrophe if no effective measure is taken to stop this menace. A printed certificate provided by the Board/University testifying the academic standard of an examinee is unwanted in the realm of knowledge or job market.

A committee was formed by the Govt. under the leadership of Prof M. Shamsul

Huq to submit report on the reorganisation of the present day examination system. It submitted its findings long ago. Like other reports, perhaps, it has been thrown into waste paper basket. In this age old colonial system of examination must be abandoned and objective system must be introduced in S.S.C. and H.S.C. level. Infact objective test is followed in all the developed and developing countries of the world. Even after 15 years of independence we could not make any progress in this field.

I suggest that the examination centres of every upazila should be kept under frequent vigilance by a group of persons consisting of Board/University representatives, Govt. and private school/college Head Masters/Principals, the officer-in-charge of examination centre concerned and the UNO. This may yield a salutary result. But the present system of examination must be replaced by a modern method followed in other countries.

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