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The education scene

Ms. Sameena deserves appreciation for her reports on various aspects of our education system in the 'Campus' section of The New Nation. The caption of her latest report published on the 30th instant was "SSC: Test of Copying."

In the report, Ms. Sameena stated that adoption of unfair means at this year's SSC exam had surpassed all previous records. As many as 8,500 students have been expelled. She identified on teachers' negligence and irresponsible attitude as one of the major factors which have contributed to the adoption of mass-copying by the students in various examinations. Her observation is correct, but there is something more. As a teacher, I found that students actually have no interest in education. Rather, they consider education as a burden imposed upon them by their parents or society. They are still attending the educational institutions because they need a certificate for getting a job and to attain a pre-fixed

social status without realizing the basic objective of education is acquisition of knowledge. Students these days have developed a great many expectations in their minds with little opportunity of achieving those in reality. Earning of money has now come to the first place while acquisition of knowledge stands in the second.

On the other hand, teachers have also lost their interest in teaching. In the present economic situation, they pay more attention to and devote more time in the money-making business.

In my opinion, it will not be possible to bring about any improvement in our existing educational arena until and unless we can make our society free of the elements who are quite secretly but very effectively working to jeopardize the very foundation of this country's education.

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