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Students and English

In the education system of Bangladesh, Bangla gets the most priority and English is almost neglected. As a result of this, English remains merely as a subject and nothing more. The impact of this threatens the Bangalees with isolation from the world. It is not only an international means of communication, but the key to technological knowledge with which we can develop our country.

Concerned citizens are aware of the need for English. O'level Examinations, the General Certificate Examination, (GCE) from the University of London, have become very much common here. There are numerous schools in Bangladesh, which are coaching students for this examination. The O'level system is very much well organized here and students from our country are achieving straight A's (80%-100%) in 6-8 subjects they are appearing in. What are those brilliant student doing after this? They don't get facilities to continue their studies in Bangladesh. Some are seen to start 'A' levels and most are seen to go abroad. A large number of O'level students from Bangladesh are getting themselves admitted to different universities and colleges abroad. In spite of their interest to continue their studies here, these students are

compelled to go abroad. They are charmed by the social security and earning a broad in comparison to that of Bangladesh. So they prefer to stay there and thus we are deprived of their contribution to the nation in national development. Some students try to continue their studies in Bangladesh. They get themselves admitted to Colleges here but fail to achieve brilliant results. This is not because they lack intelligence but facilities. They have been taught and they themselves have studied in English; but the lectures in the colleges are in Bangla. Moreover books for HSC are only available in Bangla; therefore these students are left behind. The government should soon open English medium colleges, so that these brilliant students, an asset to the nation, do not have to go abroad to continue their studies. If not new English medium colleges, the Bangla Medium colleges can open English medium sections where everything will be done in English. This does not only concern the students but also the nation because we need these jewels to develop our country.

I hope the authorities will look into the matter and take necessary measures.

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