

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Agri-varsity affairs

A Martial Law Probe body on Agri-varsity affairs was constituted and it subsequently submitted its report on January 25, 1983. I wrote a letter in this connection about the Agri-varsity affairs on January 24, 1983 issue of "The Bangladesh Times", in which, I demanded publication of a "white paper" on Agri-varsity affairs. The authority concerned has not yet published the 'white paper' on Agri-varsity affairs for information of the people of this country.

I urge upon the government to publish the 'Enquiry Report' on Agri-varsity affairs without any delay. I also wish the government to take immediate measures with a view to digging out corruption and malpractices from the holy places of education of the country.

We have great respect for those who are engaged in people's service, particularly, in the teaching profession. At the end of the year of 1983, some teachers of BAU expressed their opinion that they are willing to be attached to the Ministry of Agriculture instead of the Ministry of Edu-

cation. On the contrary, some of the teaching staff expressed their opinion that they want to remain attached to the Ministry of Education. I welcome those who are willing to be attached to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Agriculture is the life blood of our economy. So, we should not neglect this sector. It is a matter of great regret that teachers as well as students of BAU has no direct relation with the ill fed and ill clad farmer community of the country. This should not be forgotten that we are the sons of those farmers. Off and on, we are chanting slogan in the name of 'agricultural revolution'. This slogan will be meaningful if we try our level best to change our out-look as well as to motivate the farmers as productive force. The existing gap between farmers and students as well as teachers of BAU should be bridged without any delay.

In this context, it may be noted here that after promulgation of Martial Law, the Bangladesh Agricultural University has been taken under the Ministry of Agriculture. The Bangladesh Agricultural University has been established in order to modernise agriculture as well as to motivate farmers as productive

force. The people may ask the BAU authority to state what progress has been achieved in respect of agricultural research? How much money (people's money) have been extravagantly spent in the name of experiment and research? I request the government not to take the Agri-varsity under the Ministry of Education for the greater interest of the farmer community of the country.

Last of all, I also assert that anybody found guilty after proper investigation into the Agri-varsity affairs, should be given exemplary punishment for corruption, malpractices, misuse of power and embezzlement of public funds etc.

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