

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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University education

Prof. Azhar Hussain has recently written January 31, 1984 in the Bangladesh Times an article about "University Education in the country". He has written young man and women crowd in the universities because of their failure to procure job. At present those students are seeking to get admission in Honours Course, the same students told Prof. Azhar Hussain that they have decided to study Honours Course as they could not procure jobs. Who will give them suitable jobs? I cannot understand

how Prof. Azhar Hussain can say that those who fail to procure jobs gather in the universities? By his writing it seems that there should not be any university in the country.

I say when a student desires to get higher education he must admit into any university. Higher education cannot be obtained by any student without admission in the university. Did the people who are running the administration of the government or those who are working as Administrators or Directors of industrial firms, not study in universities? I am sure that they got their higher education in the universities. I cannot support what Prof.

Azhar Hussain has written in the first part of his article. If there is no student in the universities, then what is the use of maintaining so many universities?

I whole heartedly support the opinion of Prof. Azhar Hussain about the unscheduled closures of most of the universities. Students are responsible for this unscheduled closures of universities. Most of the university students follow the tradition of political leaders. What benefits are gained by the university students out of it? Because of unnecessary agitation in the universities, examinations cannot be held in proper time.

In my opinion university students are respectable.

They are wise enough to differentiate which is wrong and which is right. They are the cream of the country. University students should use their brilliant sense wisely. As a matter of fact today's students are the future government. They are educated, they have better sense and better reputation. Still I cannot understand why most of the university students follow any political movement directed by political leaders. University students should dedicate their minds to gain higher education. Their activities should be ideal to everybody. Their mode of speaking, behaviour and manner should be extraordinary.

I am sure, there are

highly qualified teachers in every university. But unfortunately these qualified teachers cannot perform their jobs according to their satisfaction. The only cause is unscheduled closure of the universities because of students agitation or political movements. Automatically teachers lose their teaching enthusiasm, so who are to suffer? Ultimately students and their guardians are worst sufferers.

Prof. Azhar Hussain has written that prior to 1971 the universities were autonomous but this country (Bangladesh) was dependent. After independence the country has become sovereign but the university has lost its autonomy or independence. It is a highly technical matter that needs expert judgement.

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