

Uncertain academic life

# LETTERS FROM READERS

We want, like many other people, that the Dhaka University should reopen immediately. Nobody knows when it can start classes again. It is also doubtful whether the Vice Chancellor himself can say accurately when the university will reopen, so uncertain is academic life here!

It is not a matter of desire or good wishes of any body that will lead to the reopening and normal functioning of this institution. Some socio-political factors, beyond the control of the university authority and the general students, are at work in the campus to bring about an unwanted situation there, including the closure of the university. The university authorities are apparently now helpless, though they might have committed mistakes in the past. A section of student leaders can also not give any guarantee for preserving a normal situation in the campus.

Such a guarantee can per-

haps be given by all the student leaders and organisations, unitedly, if they really and sincerely want to maintain peace and order in the campus, by avoiding and consciously preventing all kinds of bloody conflicts there.

It is not a matter of political struggle or competition. Because political competition is not synonymous with armed conflicts. Outside the campus too there is the use of weapons in the name of political competition. But the use of weapons in politics outside the campus is not as extensive as it is within the campus.

But it does not mean that the students in general or the student politicians in particu-

lar are responsible for such an unwanted development inside the campus. We have already mentioned that the overall socio-political factors of the country have given birth to such a situation in the campus.

So a sincere, wholehearted and united endeavour from all the political parties including the government party is necessary to bring a peaceful atmosphere in the campus and to carry on the normal academic activities there.

The student leaders and the university authorities are eager for the reopening of the university. They have discussed the matter thoroughly but could not perhaps come to

any decision yet. It is not easy for them to ensure the continuation of classes or academic activities for long, even if they come to any unanimous decision for reopening the university immediately. As the overall socio-political condition of the country is not within their grips the help of outside political powers will be needed for the purpose.

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