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Chaotic campus

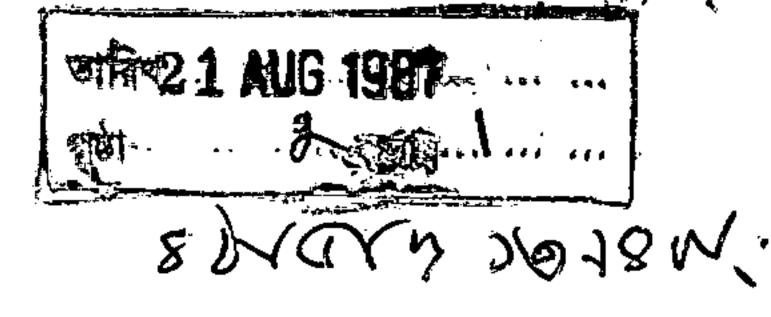It has been reported that the academic sessions of the University of Dhaka are behind their schedules by two and half years. This implies that to complete a course for a honors and a masters degree a student requires almost seven years instead of the normal four. This waste of time can only be described as criminal, for this involves not only a wastage of time but resources as well that are direly needed for national development.

What, however, is more mind boggling is that the cause behind the rot in our education is not merely armed hooliganism on the campus, though this of course is the major reason for the anarchy in the university. But in addition it has also been seen that many of the faculty members do not take their classes regularly ; and there are reports that examination answer papers are not checked by the teachers within the stipulated time and consequently the results cannot be declared on schedule.

This appalling state of affairs is not the doing of the armed goons alone or of the erring faculty members only. The responsibility for this must be shared, perhaps equally, by the university authority and the relevant government departments. Covert links between the so-called armed outsiders and certain outside forces appear to have made the university administration ineffective in tackling the menace of violence on campus. More importantly however, the vested interests have brought about by contributing substantially to a situation that can only be called absolutely and comprehensively chaotic.

The result of all this is of course a permanent damage to the lives of the majority of the students who have no control on the events that take place on campus or over the shenanigans of the interested quarters. The extent of the hurt that this is inflicting on the students can never be wholly rectified. Perhaps under the circumstances the suitable solution is the conferring of a degree once a student finishes his/her course whether s/he takes the exams , or not. No wonder some of them are demanding precisely that.