

## Student politics

Sir, August 27, 1999. Another day in the calendar filled with varieties of news and happenings. But "HSC success rate 53 per cent" — this headline drew my attention. Somehow high hopes are setting in, thinking that 290,627 thousand students passed and they are ready for the life ahead. Actually it generates a feeling of reassurance and optimism. It is another day when we know that we are richer than yesterday in terms of educated people or who would be highly educated people in due course. The important question which lies in front of us is that how would we mobilise this significant number of people who have a high potential of fruition in order to achieve socio-economic emancipation of our country.

Noticeably one thing is common amongst the students who have passed their HSC examination — "fear of student politics and its function as an impediment towards goal accomplishment". I am sure readers would appreciate the love that students have towards their country as well their apprehensions regarding student politics.

Today we are losing out in the game of harnessing and development of human resources. Our students are in similar situation as any other endangered species that we know of. To survive and to make use of their potential, they fly in flocks to the so-called land of opportunity. Naturally, most of the students who have been interviewed after the HSC results leave clues of paranoia about student politics.

Amazing enough that this so-called student politics has turned into an industry where students are being employed to destroy their fellow students' lives and future of this country. Because of student politics which is rampant in the education institutions, the atmosphere of education is gradually disappearing. Quality education is becoming scarce and we are seeing waste of our young tal-

ents and their potential.

Politicians and power holders of today have the greatest responsibility to set the society right. If we have to build the society and a future for the country, students and coming generations have to be guided properly. They must seek knowledge, learn and work and if necessary should be ready to make sacrifice for the country. The guardians of the society must ensure that peaceful atmosphere prevails in the educational institutions and knowl-

edge pursued by the students. Politicians must not use students for their narrow political end.

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