

Varsities Or Mini-Cantonments?

Sir,

Universities are the highest educational institutions of a country. These are the centre for free thinking, research and studies, where the aim everybody should be the acquisition of knowledge. Universities will show the path to development and prosperity of the nation and make the people aware of their duty to protect the independence and sovereignty of the country at any cost.

Naturally workers in this field should possess morality and humanity, no one will attack others to fulfill his or her selfish end. Here should exist a healthy competition and cooperation instead of spite and malice, powers of endurance instead of intolerance, diversified activities instead of irregularities and mess. To achieve the rightful demands there should be peaceful movement instead of violence.

Do our universities possess these characteristics? It is a matter of great shame and regret that the answer is negative. With great anxiety and concern we are bound to say that nasty and immoral politics is going on in our universities. Teachers are divided under the banner of white, blue, pink, yellow panels, leftist, rightist etc. etc. Now universities have become the centre for evil counsel, all kinds of statements logical or illogical, relevant or irrelevant are made there.

Now a university of Bangladesh means a mini-cantonment of arms, sanctuary for professional murderers, and the den of anti-social elements. It is a platform for the celebration of the 100th rape of female students, a field for shedding the fresh blood of meritorious students, a hall filled with the smell of bullet and gun-powder.

But why? Why our universities are playing the game of destruction? Why are the country's centres of excellence degenerating day by day? Where are we and where are we going when the world is advancing rapidly in the age of science and knowledge? How long shall we remain steeped in ignorance, hatred, party politics, and bent on personal aggrandisement? Still there is time to think before the destruction is complete.

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