



Readers' Forum

Dhaka University Day

After a long gap of more than three decades, I visited my dear alma-mater, Dhaka University, recently. The purpose of my visit was to take a closer look at the Dhaka University Day function. I went there with high hopes, but unfortunately my hopes were dashed within moments of my presence at the venue. It was no doubt a solemn occasion, but it was marred by a group of rowdy elements. Those rowdies waving black flags and chanting filthy slogans forcibly entered the place in front of the rostrum. They not only insulted the respected Vice-Chancellor they also showed disrespect toward a large number of respectable guests who attended the function. They behaved in a manner unthinkable in a civilised society. The language they used against the Vice-Chancellor reflected their low taste and violent character.

It became quite obvious that those were the elements responsible for creating violent

situations on campus and tarnishing the image of the university. Hats off to the Vice-Chancellor who despite all provocations was cool and collected during his speech. Only at one stage he passionately urged us to take note of the filthy language and unruly behaviour of those violent elements.

I understand that those protestors resorted to rowdiness in protest against the penal measures taken by the University a few months ago against their senior accomplices. From what I saw the other day I am now convinced that the University took correct step against the violent elements. The sooner such elements are weeded out the better for the University. The Vice-Chancellor certainly deserves our unstinted support for his continuous effort in bringing back peace and normalcy on campus.

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