

### Peaceful academic atmosphere in D.U.

I must thank you for taking keen interest in ventilating the opinions of various administrators and teachers on the present crisis obtaining at Dhaka University. I read with keen interest the article 'Peaceful academic atmosphere still wanting' by Mahmood Alam in the 'Campus' page of 13th October. It is indeed alarming to an alumnus or a citizen to learn that more than 2000 educational institutions were forced to close since die due to clashes between rival groups of students, as reported by your columnist. Moreover, a huge quantity of arms which were recovered in the recent pre-dawn swoops and displayed on the TV screen as also newspapers created panic in the minds of the peace-loving people. This clearly reveals what is happening inside the campus!

I do not, however, believe that arms could be stored in the waters of a pond. Arms go to the campus and come out in the darkness of night. In the recent two raids, they were caught only because the raids were conducted at a time when rival groups were then engaged in fighting. It was

unnecessary to raid other Halls when firing and bombing were going on between two Halls.

It is also not correct that the VC has managed to install all his children at DU since some of his sons are working outside the University. It is also known to me that in the appointment of his son and daughter the VC was not at all involved since he was not a member of any of the Selection Boards. His son could go abroad as he had a First Class first. There is also no system whatsoever, known to me, in the D.U. for transfer of a person from a section to a teaching department. One has to make application against an advertised position and face a Selection Board with others. His son-in-law who was working in Public Relations Section attained Ph. D. and so was selected by the Selection Board last year. The Board Chairman was pro-VC and not the VC. The allegations against the VC thus do not appear to me to be convincing.

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