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### Violence On Campuse

Sir,

I have gone through the comment by Mr. Muhammad Azher Zafar Shah, Asstt. Professor of Dhaka University in his letter under the above heading published on this column of your paper of September 16. He narrated the causes of the campus violence and his timely utterance deserves attention of all concerned. The present situation in the campuses is all the more disquieting and disturbing for every peace-loving citizen of the country. I would, therefore, like to add some other causes of which the educational institutions remain tense and volatile.

Campus violence is not a new phenomenon. It is a legacy of the recent past. At present, multifarious student fronts indulge in gun battles, killing one another with ulterior motives. At times, the student front hire the hoodlums from outside and use them against their political opponents. The innocent students become

the victims of circumstances. Needless to say that the politicians exploit the student organisations and vitiate the academic atmosphere of the campus and more surprisingly, a class of teachers collaborates with the hoodlums. The end result is that the students suffer and the politicians try to fish in troubled waters. In order to make the educational campuses free from miscreants, hoodlums, I suggest the following:

- a) Disbandment of student politics by an ordinance.
- b) Enactment of laws for punishing the potential trouble makers in the campuses who resort to violence and armed hooliganism.
- c) Teachers, irrespective of their political beliefs should shun politics for the sake of education.
- d) Political fronts should dissolve their respective student wings.
- e) Formation of an education environment council comprising guardians, teachers, distinguished educationists and members of law enforcing agencies to ensure congenial academic atmosphere in the educational institutions.

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