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Universities For Whom?

Sir,

We refer to the article by Prof. Hayat Hussain on the Chittagong University and feel discouraged to see that he evaded responsibility for the crisis in spite of holding a high position there. He concluded his article blaming the political system of the country. Is that all? If he could not succeed, he could have resigned to set a good precedent which is lacking in our country. Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Dr. Mahmud Hossain did resign in the '60s.

In his article published on 22.9.99 in this daily he mentioned "It was in fact an Awami League delegation with the Vice-Chancellor himself known as an Awami activists. As guardians we feel here lies the cause of crisis "from the day one after independence" as written by him.

If the teacher does party politics how can there be a peaceful academic campus where we send our children to study and learn. Similarly there is no peace in Dhaka University for recent abduction cases and various agitation programmes at Jahangir Nagar University campus have made the situation explosive in the latter.

It is painfully observed that few professors find time to write articles for Bangla and English dailies even weeklies. They are reportedly known for their party affiliations or involvement in activities other than teaching also. We express however, our deep respects for all teachers who are devoted to the cause of education and their students.

Under the circumstances we request the government and parliament to amend the University Ordinance 1973 and enact code of conduct for teachers prohibiting party politics. Such proposal were made from different quarters on various occasions before to which partisan vice-chancellors of the universities did not pay any heed and so did the government. May Prof. Hayat Hussain and his like-minded colleagues launch a strong movement in this regard to enable parliament to amend the ordinance. Guardians are waiting to see actions by non-partisan teachers at the end of this century. Please accept our best regards.

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