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### Students And Politics

Sir,

As the countdown for June 12 election is now underway, the political parties have suggested certain measures and steps to the caretaker government for underpinning a fair and free election. So far so good, but what baffles us is that almost all the parties have their political wings in the campuses and the student community just to buttress the strength of the parties. Mere recovery of illegal arms and ammunition from miscreants is not the solution and the last word for holding the election in a peaceful ambience.

We can hardly cite a single instance of a democratic country where the political parties have their political hotline in the student community. Who do the real parties not snap and clip the wings of the student community and leave the students alone for dipping their noses in their studies? Apart from creating an atmosphere conducive to prosecuting their studies in a peaceful atmosphere. It will pave the way for eliminating the curse of session jam and violence and clashes in various dormitories, halls and classes.

We would therefore urge the caretaker government and the political parties to shy away their political wing in the student communities (BCL, JCD and Shibirs). This will totally do away with violence, clashes and murders which are the main bugbear in the campuses and other places where the members of political wings confront each other and clashes do take place routinely leaving a trail of injury and murders.

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