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Rid campus of political parties

Young scholars from different disciplines yesterday expressed mixed opinion on banning student politics but all of them had unanimity on the view that it must be de-linked from political parties through legislation, says BSS.

They observed that campus should not be the place for propagating ideologies of the national leaders.

These opinions were put forward in the daylong seminar titled "Student Politics: Alternative Visions" organised by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) held in its auditorium.

The participants of the seminar, mostly young faculty members of different universities and young researchers of various national and international organisations, could not reach a consensus on whether

student politics should be banned or not at the moment. But they were in favour of imposing some sort of restrictions.

Earlier inaugurating the seminar in the morning, Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury said, I am not against student poli-

of Governors of BIISS. Chaired the inaugural session.

UNB adds: Kamaluddin commented that today's student politics can be compared to showdown of nihilism which threatened to corrode the pillar of education in the country.

Sheikh Masudur Rahman, who presented a paper as a stu-

BIISS seminar in city told

tics, but of course against the conventional trend of student politics.

He said the student community should have to introduce a different value system and different pattern of politics with vision and idealism to meet the challenges of the next millennium.

Major general Mustafa Kamaluddin, Chairman of Board

of Governors of BIISS, said incidents of Jahangirnagar University proved that the students could build up a movement against injustice without being involved in party backed student politics.

A BIISS researcher, Sabbir Ahmed, opined that session jams in various universities are the results of national and teachers' politics, not student politics.

"A very small group of so-called students are engaged in dirty politics and this is the result of military ruled bureaucracy for long in our country," noted Zinat Huda, an Assistant Professor of Dhaka University.

Zahirul Islam, a student of National University, said student politics is controlled by national politics and this situation would continue if national politics is not changed.

Shantonu Mazumder, a lecturer of Dhaka University, said the student politics should be issue based de-linking it from party politics.

Latif Masud, a teacher of Jahangirnagar University, viewed that student politics should be banned. "I saw how it controls the campus and even is used for lobbying by Vice Chancellor aspirants."