

End bullying in schools and beyond

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I was shocked by a recent report in The Daily Star titled, “Bullying goes unreported, ignored” given that it continues to have such a negative impact on our children. What is worse is the fact that such notorious practices are widespread across various educational institutions in Bangladesh and even the little ones are not spared from the dirty grips of bullying or ragging.

It is truly shocking that this culture of shaming peers has managed to manipulate young minds in such a negative manner, where the actions range from calling names to manhandling. The consequences of bullying are horrific, affecting the victims’ mental health, quality of life and discouraging them from attending schools. In the worst case scenario, bullying can also lead to suicide.

We must all come forward in this regard, and do our part before another innocent child falls victim to this menace.

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