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Literacy Day

Sir,

In Bangladesh we have observed International Literacy Day on September 8, 1993 with the rest of the world. Our President and Prime Minister in their messages have renewed the pledge to work for the eradication of illiteracy. Their message is very significant in the light of our present condition. I think the main purpose was to arouse awareness among the guardians of the need to send their children to educational institutions. I am sure 80% of the total population have no idea about the significance of observing the literacy day. But everybody down to the Rickshawpullers known about terrorism in the educational institutions. One day I asked a rickshawpuller, "Do you know where is Dhaka university?" He replied that he knew it for sure as too after supporters of different political organizations fight against each other with modern weapons. And he was right. 80% of the total population live in villages and they will be scared to send their children to school, college and university for fear of the chaotic atmosphere on the campuses.

Therefore mere observance of literacy day is not likely to be effective until and unless proper academic atmosphere return to our educational institutions.

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