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Ban students-teachers' politics on campus

Academics tell seminar

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Politics by the students and teachers should be banned in public universities to help restore academic atmosphere, said the academics at a seminar yesterday.

They said the current campus politics is involved with narrow party interest, nepotism, corruption, extortion and criminal activities.

Expressing different views some academics however said arms and muscle-based politics should be stopped on the campus instead of banning the students-teachers politics.

They said the students played vital role during language movement, liberation war and anti-autocracy movement.

The seminar titled 'Upgrade the standard of education in public universities: Dhaka University' was organised by DU '67 Club in the city.

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof Assaduzzaman said public univer-

sities including DU could not maintain the calendar due to students-teachers politics, forcing the universities into more session jam.

Now time has come to free new generation from this ailment, he added.

Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed of Biswa Sahitya Kendra said vital posts of public universities including vice-chancellors, pro-vice-chancellors and proctors are being appointed politically.

The students-teachers politics is disrupting normal academic activities, he added.

Prof Anisuzzaman said education standard at public universities is deteriorating because power politics has grabbed the campus.

"Many teachers do not take class regularly, even some go abroad without leave," said Prof Syed Manjurul Islam while presenting a keynote paper.

Prof Asif Nazrul said students' evaluation should be introduced for the promotion of teachers.

DU '67 Club President Sohel Ahmed Chowdhury presided over

the seminar which was also addressed by Prof Hafiz GA Siddique, Prof Fakrul Alam, Dr Nazrul Ahmed and Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury.