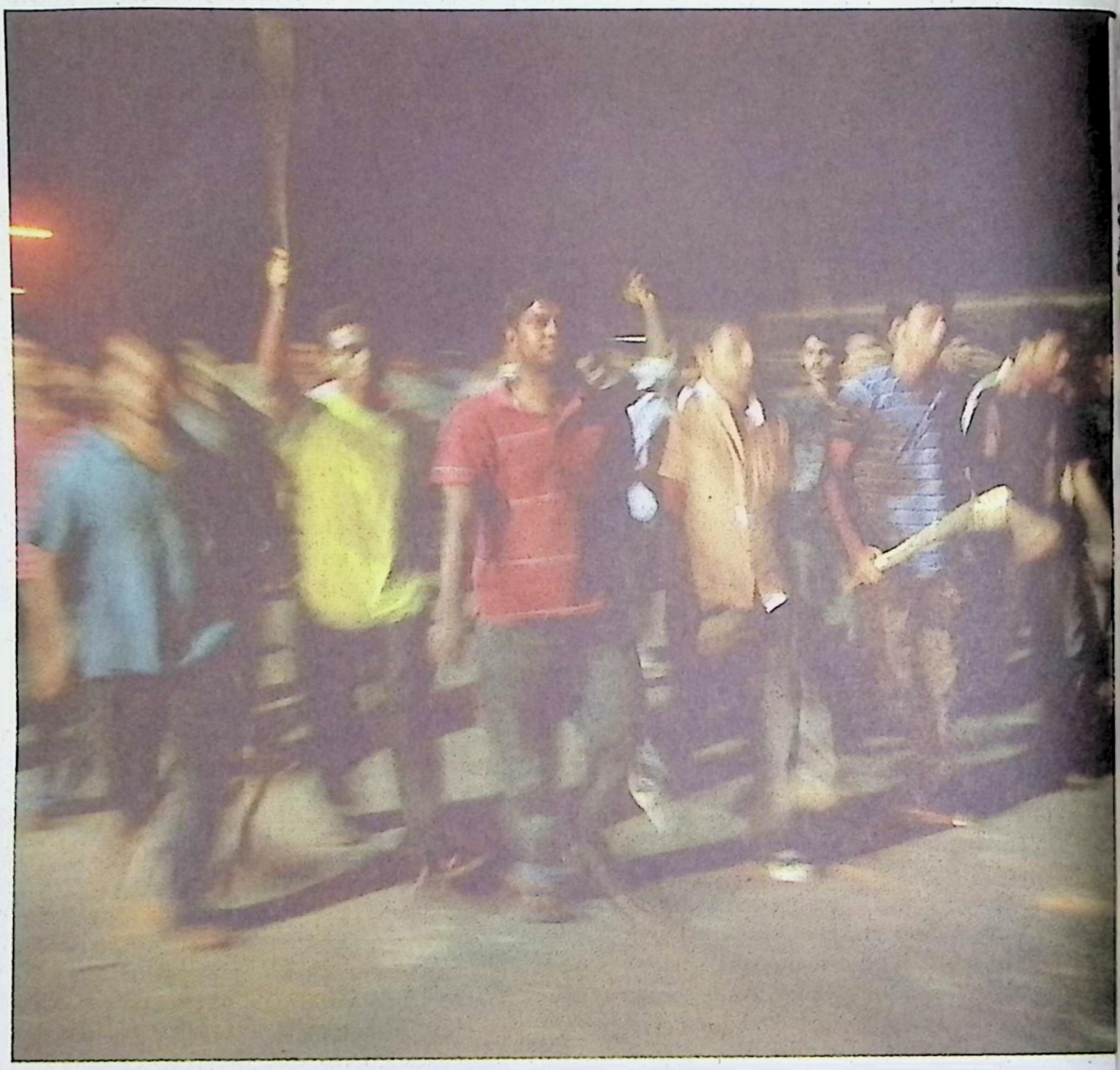


The Problem with Politics

MUSLEHUDDIN AHMAD discusses the need to end party politics on campus

WHAT we, the sponsors of private universities, see in the campuses today is exactly the situation that prevailed in the 1980s that ultimately paved the way to the creation of private universities in the first place.

During the 1980s, campus violence and session jams meant that both students and teachers were ready for a change, and private universities offered a different path. We formally started working on a private university in late 1989 and we got final approval for the first private university from the government in 1992. Today we have about 56 private universities that have been officially approved.

No Politics

The most important achievement for which we take pride today is that there is no student-teacher politics in private universities. There are times when our students agitate over lack of quality education and absence of other facilities, demands that are legitimate, as they must receive good education commensurate to the relatively high fees they pay.

It is necessary to state here that we have already set up a private Educational Quality Assurance Foundation (EQAF) to evaluate the educational standard of mostly private universities.