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7755 DU graduates to receive certificate today

Yunus to join convocation despite resistance threat

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In the face of strong resistance from general and different student organisations and a section of teachers, the Dhaka University (DU) authorities are going to award Nobel Laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus the doctor of Laws degree at the 43rd convocation ceremony to be held today (Wednesday) amid tight security.

President Prof. Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed and also the chancellor of the university will chair the Convocation ceremony. Advisers to the Interim Government and other important personalities will attend the convocation.

Meanwhile, defying the state of emergency, students of left leaning student organisations under the banner of "General Students" on Tuesday brought out a procession and staged demonstration in the premises of central library protesting the invitation to the Nobel Laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus to attend the convocation.

DU Vice-chancellor Prof. S M A Faiz said that 8000 graduates are more important than the teachers who will boycott the DU convocation protesting the authorities' decision.

Dr. Muhammad Yunus would

attend the convocation and deliver his speech as Nobel laureate, VC said.

At a news conference on Tuesday, Awami League-backed "Blue-Panel" teachers of the university decided to boycott the 43rd convocation as the authorities ignored their demand not to make chair the President and Chancellor of the university and Muhammad Yunus to attend the convocation.

This year a total of 7755 graduates and post-graduates including 3705 male and 4050 female are
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DU Convocation

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expected to receive their certificates at the convocation. DU authorities will award Gold Medals to 61, PhD to 60 and MPhil to 39 students for their outstanding academic performance at the convocation.

The expenditure for holding the convocation has been estimated at Tk. 67 lakh.

All classes and examinations of DU will remain closed today (Wednesday) due to the 43rd convocation of the university.