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DU convocation

Student bodies call hartal in city Saturday

By DU Correspondent

Opposition-backed student organisations have called an eight-hour hartal in the city on Saturday, protesting Dhaka University authorities' decision to confer Honorary Doctorate Degree on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a general convocation of the University.

Honorary Doctorate degree will also be conferred on Novel Laureate Prof. Amartya Sen at the convocation ceremony.

The decisions were taken by the DU authorities earlier.

The convocation will be the first at DU since independence.

JCD, student front of the opposition BNP, announced the hartal programme at a press conference at the BNP's central office yesterday.

"We are going to enforce hartal as the DU authorities did not pay heed to our call to withdraw its decision to confer the degree on Hasina," JCD General Secretary Nasiruddin Ahmed Pinto said.

Jatiya Party-backed Jatiya Chhatra Samaj and Jamaat-supported Islami Chhatra Shibir also called an eight hour hartal in the city on Saturday protesting the DU decision to confer degree on the Prime Minister.