

# Hamid upset with lack

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Recalling the glorious past of DU, President Abdul Hamid said the university nourished many renowned politicians who contributed a lot to the country's independence and national development.

He said any negative activity of the new graduates may blur the great achievements of the university in future.

"So, be careful. Have deep respect for the country, its people and the university," he told the students.

AAMS Arefin Siddique asked the fresh graduates to use their talents for the welfare of mankind and not to be motivated by greed.

Prof Francis Gurry said the graduates had three gifts -- youth, optimism and education -- which can "make the difference."

Gurry, director general of Geneva-based World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), also said the countries need to make more investments on research to create new knowledge.

He was conferred Doctor of Laws degree at the programme.

Earlier in the morning, wearing gowns, the graduates, in small groups,

hurried about to take their designated places to participate in the convocation.

They took photographs with their friends and teachers at the convocation venue and their respective departments as many of them prepared for bidding farewell to the campus.

After the convocation, all the gathering spots of the university -- Hakim Chattar, Curzon Hall, Mall Chattar, Shaheed Minar, Fine Arts Faculty and TSC -- were buzzing with the students.

Many threw their convocation caps into the air to celebrate their joys.

It was a day they will never forget. "Dhaka University was my home. I will surely miss my days here. I have so many fond memories of this place," said Sujon Kumar Mondol, a graduate of Department of Mass Communication and Journalism.

"I will try to serve my country as per the ideologies I developed attending the classes here," he added.

Meanwhile, four crude bombs were found at a toilet of the Arts Faculty building and another one at Mokarram Bhaban, which is just opposite to the convocation ground, during the programme yesterday.

## STUDENT POLITICS

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President Abdul Hamid said he is saddened by the absence of ideology in today's student politics.

"Student politics, on many occasions, is now based on personal and group interests," he said while addressing the 49th convocation of Dhaka University at its central playground on the campus yesterday.

"I am not against student politics as it is necessary to create new leaderships. But the leaderships must focus on public welfare," he said.

At the convocation, DU conferred graduation degrees on 6,157 students while 36 were awarded gold medals for their academic feats.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique also spoke at the programme. Prof Francis Gurry of Australia was the convocation speaker.

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