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Teachers oppose plan to make Yunus DU convocation speaker

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The Dhaka University (DU) authorities is in doubt whether the 43rd convocation ceremony would be held in time as majority of the teachers opposed the decision to make Nobel laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus the convocation speaker.

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Teachers

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The convocation ceremony has been rescheduled at DU central playground on February 28. Earlier, it was scheduled for December 14 last year.

On Sunday at an academic council meeting with DU Vice-chancellor Prof. S M A Faiz in the chair questions raised on making Dr. Muhammad Yunus as the convocation speaker

Dean of Social Science Faculty Prof. Harun Ar Rashid said that a non-partisan and neutral man could be the convocation speaker, which is the tradition of the university. "Dr. Muhammad Yunus should not be the convocation speaker. He does not deserve to be awarded Doctor of Laws degree," he said.

He told the VC that you could hold the convocation opposing the objection with the help of police. "But then you will also be controversial," he added.

Teachers belonging to Pro-Awami League "Blue-Panel", Left Leaning "Pink Panel" and BNP-Jamaat "White-Panel" teachers opposed the decision to make Yunus the convocation speaker.

Prof. Anwar Hossain, Prof Tazmeri S A Islam, Prof Aminur Rashid and Prof. Sadeka Halim were present at the meeting, among others.

Former Malaysia Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohammad was the convocation speaker on the 42th convocation of DU.