

DU to sever academic relations with Pakistan

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DHAKA University vice-chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique on Tuesday announced that the university would not continue any academic relation with any Pakistani university.

He also said that the Dhaka University would not send any student representative to Pakistan until the country apologised for its remarks over the war-crimes trial.

He made the statement at a victory rally organised by the university at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla on the campus.

Arefin urged the government to sever all diplomatic ties with Pakistan and scrap all treaties signed with the country for 'audacity' it had shown over Bangladesh's war crimes trial.

Terming Pakistan a terrorist nation, Arefin urged the government to raise its voice to scrap membership of Pakistan from the SAARC.

The government should appeal to the United Nations to cancel Pakistan's membership as the country's stance was against the spirit of the organisation, he added.

Pakistan on Monday summoned the acting high commissioner of Bangladesh and denied that its army committed war crimes or atrocities during the 1971 war of independence.