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Amartya Sen asked not to attend DU convocation

Two former Vice Chancellors of Dhaka University were learnt to have advised Nobel Laureate Prof Amartya Sen to drop his plan to receive honorary doctorate degree in presence of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Dhaka University, reports UNB.

In a faxed message to his office at Cambridge University, the former VCs cautioned Prof Sen that he should not attend the function as there might be widespread violence during the convocation.

"Prof Amartya Sen told me that he had learnt about the faxed message after arriving in Singapore," DU Pro-VC Prof Shahadat Ali told UNB after the convocation today.

"Look, a three-page faxed message containing a warning that I would face violent protest couldn't stop me from attending this convocation. I feel blood relation with the Dhaka University," Prof Ali quoted Prof Sen as saying.