

DU to confer DSc degree on Prof Salam today

By A Staff Reporter

The Dhaka University will confer on nobel laureate Prof Abdus Salam and honorary Doctor of Science (D Sc) degree today (Sunday) in a special convocation.

Prof Salam will be the 33rd recipient of the honour from Dhaka University which is awarding the degree after 19 years.

The Chancellor of the Uni-

versity Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will grace the occasion as chief guest and confer the award at a colourful ceremony at 10 a m at Curzon Hall, the 90-year old auditorium of the university.

The function will be highlighted by a procession in regalia by members of senate, syndicate, academic council and teachers of the university.

Ministers, secretaries and heads of foreign missions in

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Bangladesh will also attend the August ceremony.

A rehearsal of the convocation procession was held on Saturday afternoon.

The authorities have already supplied academic robes to the faculty members who will attend the procession.

The university registrar A J Sikder will conduct the convocation programme.

The nobel laureate physicist Prof Abdus Salam earlier arrived in city on Friday last on a five-day visit to attend the special convocation and other programmes.

FIVE SENATE MEMBERS

Five members of the senate of Dhaka University in a joint statement to the Press on Saturday protested the statement made recently by Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) which they termed as anti-democratic and contrary to peaceful coexistence and stability.

The senate members are Mr Rafiqul Islam Jaglu, Habibun Nabi Sohel, Shirin Sultana, Ali Akkas Nadim and Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anny.

They said 28 thousand students of Dhaka University are awaiting to welcome the democratically-elected Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia of the country on her arrival today (Sunday) at the campus in connection with the special convocation.

They further said the Dhaka University authority as well as the country will glorify itself by awarding the nobel laureate physicist Prof Abdus Salam with the Doctor of Science degree and the presence of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the convocation as chief guest

will enhance the glory of the occasion.

The senate members cautioned the activists of Chhatra League (M-I) to refrain from any activity which may create any sort of provocation and called upon them to uphold the heritage of the university and the honour to the country.