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DU convocation JCD calls 6-hr hartal in city Saturday

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Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student front of the major opposition party BNP, has given a call for a six-hour hartal in the capital from 6 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, the day for the 40th convocation of Dhaka University.

JCD has given the hartal programme opposing the decision of Dhaka University authorities to confer Honorary Doctorate degree on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Honorary Doctorate of Science degree on Nobel laureate Amartya Sen.

The honorary doctorate degrees will be conferred to the Prime Minister and world renowned economist Amartya Sen at the first session of the convocation which will be held between 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

President Justice Sahabuddin Ahmed who is the Chancellor of the University will preside over the convocation.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University authorities have already finished the major preparations and have fixed the schedule for the convocation.

The hartal programme was announced at a Press conference at the central office of BNP on Tuesday.

JCD leaders, at the conference, said that it was irrational to confer doctorate degree on the Prime Minister for establishing peace when peace was 'hard to be found' in the country. "We don't see any tranquility in Chittagong Hill Tracts", they said adding "the country, rather, has lost the sovereignty of about one tenth of its land".

They urged other organisations, which also opposed the DU decision, to observe hartal on the day. The JCD leaders also called upon all their activists to be there on the streets and help make the hartal a success.

JCD also announced their next
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programmes on the issue. As part of the programmes, all the thana units of the organisation across the country will bring out processions today.

JCD central unit will bring out a procession in the city from the BNP party office on Friday, a day before the convocation ceremony.

The written statement, at the Press conference, was read out by JCD President Habibunnabi Sohel. The press conference was attended, among others, by JCD General Secretary Nasiruddin Pintu, Vice President A. B. M. Mosharraf Hossain, Monzur-E-Elahi, President of the DU unit Monir Hossain, General Secretary Mostafizul Islam Mamun and Helen Zerin Khan.