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26th CONVOCATION OF NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Convocation Chair: Professor Dr. Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar

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Convocation Speaker: Professor Dr. SMA Faiz

Chairman
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

Special Guest: Professor Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossen



Education adviser Professor Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar and UGC chairman Professor SMA Faiz, among others, pose for a group photo at the 26th convocation of North South University on its campus in Dhaka on Wednesday. —PID photo

Private university cost shuts out talent: Abrar

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EDUCATION adviser Professor Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar on Wednesday said that the high cost of private university education continued to exclude many talented students.

He said this while chairing the 26th convocation of North South University held on the university campus in Dhaka.

as Dhaka, Singapore, London, Toronto, and Sydney, he said, their work reflects Bangladesh's booming presence as a source of skilled and globally competitive leadership.

Professor Abrar emphasised that leadership was not limited to professional success or institutional authority but was most clearly tested during moments of moral challenge.

Referring to the stu-

University Grants Commission chairman Professor SMA Faiz was the convocation speaker and UGC member Professor Mohammad Anwar Hossen was special guest.

Abrar said higher education carried not only opportunity but also a profound responsibility to society, democracy, and the public good. 'NSU graduates are part of a global community whose influence extends far beyond the campus and beyond Bangladesh.'

Highlighting the leadership roles of NSU alumni in business, finance, law, technology, development, media, academia, and public policy across cities such

dent-led movement of July 2024, he described it as a defining moment in Bangladesh's democratic history, mentioning the visible and valiant participation of students from private universities, including NSU.

The adviser paid tribute to those who were martyred and those who were injured during the movement, with special remembrance of Abir, a member of the NSU community who was valiantly martyred.

Abir's martyrdom serves as a reminder that democratic struggle carries real human cost and is borne by ordinary citizens, he said.