

RU PROFESSOR KILLING

Protests continue amid summer vacation

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TEACHERS and students of University of Rajshahi on Saturday continued their demonstration on the campus on the fifteenth straight day into the gruesome murder of English department professor AFM. Rezaul Karim Siddiquee, amid a 20-day summer vacation.

They said the demo will continue until 'perpetrators' are brought to justice.

Teachers' Association of the varsity formed a human chain in front of the senate building around 10:00am demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers.

Addressing the human chain, RUTA president Professor Muhammad Shahidullah said they are frightened and panicked that they may not be able to return to their normal life, if murderers keep

foraging.

Expressing his frustration over the investigation into Siddiquee killing case, he said, 'There is no sign of progress into the case though fifteen days have already been elapsed. Such fatal crimes keep on recurring because perpetrators are not punished.'

'The government should intervene into the culture of impunity because it cannot be a culture of a coun-

try. Otherwise, the nation will be on the brink of destruction,' he added.

RUTA general secretary Professor Shah Azam said they would declare their next programmes from a similar human chain today (Sunday).

He said home minister Asaduzzaman Khan assured them of meeting their demand when they met him recently. He said Asaduzzaman will visit the campus on May 12.

Later teachers and students of RU English department brought out a silent procession around 10:30am and paraded the university grounds. They also held a brief rally at Mukul Mancha, a makeshift platform set up after the nickname of the slain professor.

Addressing the rally, Professor AFM Maswood Akhter, chair of the department, said they would continue their pro-

gramme until the killers were brought to book and given exemplary punishment.

Earlier on April 23, a passionate lover of art and music, an amateur photographer and organiser of a music school, editor of the little magazine of the little magazine Komalgandhar and an adviser to a cultural troupe, AFM Rezaul Karim Siddiquee, 58, was hacked to death near his house.