

RU PROFESSOR KILLING

RU professors express frustration over probe

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COLLEAGUES of slain University of Rajshahi English Professor AFM Rezaul Karim Siddiquee on Thursday expressed their frustration as the law enforcers could not identify any perpetrators and failed to find out motives behind the killing, though 20 days have been elapsed.

On the twentieth day into the murder, teachers, students and staff of the university staged demonstrations on the campus demanding

justice.

As a part of their ongoing demonstration, Rajshahi University Teachers' Association formed a human chain in front of the university senate building where more than three hundred teachers and students assembled. RU vice chancellor Professor Muhammad Mizanuddin addressed the human chain, among others.

Foizar Rahman, dean of RU social science faculty, said that they have been taking part in street protests seeking

justice over a few homicides on the campus for 12 years but nothing happened.

Professor Abu Bakar of philosophy department said Rezaul Karim was not killed as a sequel to any personal enmity.

Bakar said, 'He was killed for his ideological stance in favour of civilization, progress and knowledge and then we face the question is civilization decaying?'

The faculty members and the students of RU English department brought out

mute procession at 10:30am and joined a short rally at Mukul Mancha, a makeshift platform set up after the nickname of the slain professor.

Earlier on April 23, Professor AFM Rezaul Karim Siddiquee, 58, was hacked to death near his house in Rajshahi city. Following the murder, Riasat Emtiaj Sourav, son of the victim, filed a case with Boalia police station on the day and later the case was transferred to Detective Branch of police.