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RU PROFESSOR MURDER

4 JMB men took part in killing: RMP

3 more JMB men on 5 day remand

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THE police on Tuesday claimed that four members of banned Islamist outfit Jamaat-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh, including the detained one, directly took part in the murder of Rajshahi University professor Rezaul Karim Siddiquee in Rajshahi on April 23.

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police /commissioner Md Shamsuddin'at a press conference at its headquarters claimed that the detained leader of the militant outfit Maskawat Hasan alias Sakib Abdullah stated this Continued on page 2 Col. 2

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Shamsuddin, however, said that the motive for the killing was not clear to police and Maskawat Hasan told the interrogators that they had just executed the plan.

Maskawat could not say who planned the killing of the professor, the commissioner added.

Referring to Maskawat, 23, of Sibganj upazila in Bogra, also former student of Rangpur Polytechnic Institute, the police commissioner said that two of the murder suspects fled on a motorbike and the rest two fled by an auto-rickshaw after the hacking English professor Rezaul Karim Siddiquee to death at Shalbagan in Rajshahi.

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police additional commissioner Sarder Tamij Uddin, assistant commissioner Golam Ebne Saklain was also present at the news conference.

Police seized the motorbike and arrested three members of the outfit at the house of a JMB member at Kharkhari under Boalia police station early Tuesday.

The three were produced before the Rajshahi Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court and metropolitan magistrate Mokseda Asgor remanded them in custody for interrogation for five days.

Rajshahi University Teachers Association and students suspended their protests on Tuesday.

At a briefing at Jebery Bhabon on the campus, association general secretary Shah Azom Shantonu said that they suspended the protests as ministers and leaders of the ruling party alliance assured them of bringing the killers to book.

Rajshahi University teachers and students had been staging protests for justice since the murder of Rezaul Karim Siddiquee on April 23,