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## RU TEACHERS BEGIN WORK STOPPAGE: KILLERS OF DR YOUNUS NOT YET ARRESTED

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None could be arrested by police in connection with the gruesome killing of Professor Muhammad Yunus of the Department of Economics of Rajshahi University, even after two days of his death.

Professor Yunus was knifed and hammered to death by unidentified assailants at Binodpur in Rajshahi city on Friday morning when he was returning home taking his regular morning walk.

Police recovered his body just half an hour after his killing receiving a phone call from an unknown caller.

No case was filed till yesterday evening by any family members of the victim.

In protest of the killing, Rajshahi City Awami League called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in Rajshahi on December 30.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra League and students of the Department of Economics of RU yesterday brought out separate processions on the campus protesting the Friday's killing of Dr Muhammad Yunus.

The processionists demanded immediate arrest of the killers and bring them before justice.

Awami League led 14-party alliance also brought out a procession in Rajshahi city holding the religious extremists responsible for the brutal murder of Professor Yunus.

No classes in the university were held yesterday as the teachers went on work stoppage protesting the killing, which will continue till December 31.

Meanwhile, admission tests of Rajshahi University scheduled for December 29 have been postponed. Fresh dates will be announced later.

The United States of Awami League yesterday strongly condemned and protested the gruesome murder of Prof Mohammad Yunus, a professor of the Department of Economics of RU, president of RU unit of Bangabandhu Parishad and a valiant freedom fighter.

"The anti-liberation forces are taking revenge of their defeat in 1971 by brutally killing the greatest sons of the soil—meritorious teachers, journalists, politicians—one after another in the month of intellectuals' massacre relying on BNP," the US unit of AL said in a statement faxed yesterday.

It said the name of Prof Yunus has been added to the list of the killing of hundreds of

progressive leaders and workers including Dr Humayun Azad, Manzurul Imam, Momtajuddin, Humayun Kabir Balu, Manik Saha, Ahsan Ullah Master, Principal Gopal Krishna Saha and Ivy Rahman.

”Time has come to launch a counter-attack against the anti-independence, reactionary and fundamentalist forces,” it said.

Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) said Prof Yunus was killed by fundamentalist and communal forces.

In a message of condolence, BEA president Dr QK Ahmad and general secretary Dr Abul Barkat said the killing was nothing, but the implementation of the design of the armed fundamentalist communal forces to eradicate the spirit of the War of Liberation from the country forever.

Teachers of Jahangirnagar University yesterday strongly condemned and protested the killing of Prof Yunus of the Department of Economics of RU.

”We think that this murder was pre-planned. We don’t have the words to condemn the heinous attempt to strangle the voice of pro-democratic, liberation war and independence forces,” said Prof Subash Chandra Das and Prof Afsar Ahmad, president and general secretary respectively on behalf of the pro-liberation war, democracy and progressive teachers of Jahangirnagar University.

”We are concerned that the government is yet to take any step despite the killing and attempt to kill the intellectuals one after another. The silence of the government’s administrative machinery will encourage such activities,” they also said.

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee president Prof Kabir Chowdhury, acting president Shahriar Kabir and general secretary Kazi Mukul in a statement alleged that the killers belonging to fundamentalist and communal Jamaat-e-Islami murdered Prof Mohammad Yunus, because he was always vocal against fundamentalism and communalism. “Prof Yunus was knifed to death in the same way as was Prof Humayun Azad killed by fundamentalist killers at Dhaka University in February this year,” they said.