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## Removal of RU V-C condemned

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RAJSHAHI, Feb 18:—Various political leaders, university teachers and senators in separate statements have condemned the removal of the Vice-Chancellor Professor M Yousuff Ali and appointment of a partisan teacher in that post. Thirty six Senators of Rajshahi University (out of 45 sitting senators) in a joint statement have demanded withdrawal of the removal order of Vice-Chancellor M Yousuff Ali. In the statement, the Senators said, to remove the democratically elected Vice-Chancellor before the fulfilment of one and a half year of his tenure is tantamount to naked intervention to the autonomy of the university. The signatures are—Professor AKM Azharul Islam, Professor M Omar Ali, Professor Moqbul Hossain, Professor M Qurban Ali, Professor Sahabuddin Ahmed, Professor Ameeruz Zaman Khan, Professor Shah Muhammad Habibur Rahman and Tasnim Alam.

One hundred and three teachers of Rajshahi University in a joint statement have also demanded withdrawal of removal order of Vice-Chancellor Professor M Yousuff Ali.

The statement said that such undemocratic order will create deep crisis on the campus. They said, to remove the Vice-Chancellor, who has been elected under 23(3) Section of 1973 University Act, by the General Clause Act of 1897 is a violation of democratic norms. They said that such an undemocratic order cannot be accepted.

The signatories are—Professor Nazrul Islam, Proctor Nazrul Islam, Shamsul Alam, Prof Umar Ali, Sherajul Hoque.

Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mijanur Rahman Minu in a press release expressed his deep regret and anger at the removal of democratically elected Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University. He demanded reinstatement of the Vice-Chancellor and said if the government failed to reinstate the Vice-Chancellor Prof M Yousuff Ali, the responsibility of any untoward situation for this should be borne by the present government.