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## Removal of RU V-C demanded

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RAJSHAHI, Jan. 24.—The 25-day long Winter Vacation of Rajshahi University begins from next Saturday (January 25) after the passing of 16-consecutive day indefinite strike in the university.

The indefinite strike call was separately given by Rajshahi University Teachers' Association

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(RUTA) and All-Party Students Unity (APSU) from January 8 demanding immediate removal of the Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof M. Yousuf Ali. A violent incident occurred on January 8 in the VC office.

Meanwhile, the newly-elected Executive Committee of RUTA held an emergency meeting last night at its office with its President Prof Shahidul Islam in the chair.

The meeting in an unanimous decision demanded immediate resignation of the Vice Chancellor of the university. The meeting also condemned and protested against all irregularities of the VC and demanded repeal of all decisions taken by the VC during last three days. Otherwise warned, 'they would announce a greater movement against him within a short time. They also said that the VC would be responsible for any consequence to follow thereof.

The meeting also decided to hold an emergency general meeting of the association on January 25 for taking decisive steps in this connection.

On the otherhand, all five Syndicate members elected from Teachers Categories and four Deans out of six faculties today in a joint statement demanded immediate removal of the VC Prof M Yousuf Ali and strongly criticised the removal of Dr Shamuzzoha Halli Provost Dr Abdur Rahman Siddiky 13-month ahead of expiring his Provost tenureship and mass appointment of Pro-Jamaat teachers and officers in different posts at the university during last few days.