

'RAB killed UGC official to protect masterminds'

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ACADEMICS, politicians and cultural activists on Friday alleged Rapid Action Battalion had killed the University Grants Commission official to hide and protect the masterminds of the question papers leak of MBBS and BDS admission test.

They made the allegation while addressing a solidarity rally in front of the National Museum in the afternoon.

They demanded judicial investigation into the death of the UGC official and the question paper leak incident in the interest of identifying the real culprits and ensuring justice to the protesting students.

They also demanded

holding of fresh test for enrolling students in the MBBS and BDS courses of the medical and dental colleges after scraping the recently held test and the ongoing admission process.

UGC's suspended assistant director Omor Siraj died in RAB custody on Thursday. RAB arrested him along with two others on September 18 in connection with the medical question paper leak. His wife Sompia on Friday alleged her husband was tortured to death by RAB.

Economist Anu Muhammad alleged 'with the killing of the UGC official the government is trying to protect the main culprits involved with the leak of question papers of

medical college admission.'

Columnist Syed Abul Maksud said 'we cannot allow the education sector to be destroyed by some vested quarters.' He demanded immediate action against the people involved with the question paper leak.

Zafrullah Chowdhury, founder of Gonoshasthaya Kendra, sought the Prime Minister's intervention in resolving the ongoing crisis over question papers leak and deciding the fate of the protesting students.

Expressing solidarity with the protesting students Ganajagaran Mancha spokesperson Imran H Sarkar said some vested quarters in the government

were trying to destroy medical education in the public medical colleges.

More than 200 students and their guardians carrying placards gathered at Shahbag and raised different slogans demanding a fresh admission test.

They announced a mass signature campaign at central Shahed Minar premises on Saturday and to hand over a memorandum to the prime minister on Sunday.

Different left-leaning student organisations, politicians, cultural activists, teachers and journalists also expressed solidarity with the demand of the protesting students at the rally.

The results of MBBS

and BDS admissions test, published on September 20, were marred by allegations of question paper leak, sparking protests by unsuccessful students and some of their parents.

Gana Forum president Kamal Hossain in a statement expressed solidarity with the demand for holding a fresh test for medical and dental college admission and urged the government to meet the demand of the protesting students.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union, a left-leaning student organisation, formed a human chain at Savar bus stand on Friday to express solidarity with the demand of the protesting students.