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KOLKATA, Jan. 13. — Who was behind the murder of the two executives of Baranagar Jute Factory? Though each of the five unions — the four main ones being CITU, AITUC, Intuc, Utuc — in the factory claim to be forces to reckon with, none is willing to shoulder the onus of today's incident.

The CPI-M district secretariat member, North 24-Parganas, Mr Amitava Nandy, said: "All the five unions work together."

If so, could today's incident be called a joint action? Besides when managers started firing at workers, and worked in union irrespective of political affiliations."

Mr Subhas Chakraborty said the CPI-M had no hand in the incident, putting the blame squarely on the Intuc. Curiously, Mr Majumdar refused to agree with his comrade.

The mayor and Intuc president, Mr Subrata Mukherjee, said Intuc had a power-

ful presence in the factory but refused to admit that it was in any way involved. "The loss of faith in the government and police is forcing people into the path of anarchy." He quickly added that the incident was unfortunate and that he was supporting neither the management nor the workers.

According to him, casual workers were responsible for the agitation since over the last few days, there was "some tension" among them.

BARANAGAR JUTE FACTORY MURDERS

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The Utuc president, Mr Shankar Saha, said the workers had been 'provoked'. "Jyoti Basu's anti-movement slogans seemed to have inspired the manager to act in such a heinous way."

The Aituc state president, Mr Basudev Basu, came down heavily on the incident, demanding the arrest of culprits.

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