

Sylhet Cadet College tragedy Adjutant, instructor suspended

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 12: The Sylhet Cadet College has been closed *sine die* following the death of two students yesterday.

Iqbal and Reza, both students of class seven, were crushed under a roller on the college ground yesterday morning.

Students were sent to their houses by inter-city trains and special buses today, said an official of the college this afternoon.

Adjutant of the college, Major Manjur and Instructor Havilder Enamul Haque have been put under suspension. Some more employees may face suspension on charge of negligence in duty, sources said.

Those put under suspension will be allowed 2 or 3 days to vacate their quarters in the

college campus. They will be immediately attached to the Station Commander, Jalalabad Cantonment, Sylhet, the source added.

The two committees formed to probe the incident started work today.

An official while talking to The Daily Star on condition of anonymity admitted that, PT Instructor Enamul had asked the students to pull the iron roller on the college ground in the name of physical exercise in the last 3 days. It is not allowed, he said. The groundsmen are to do the job, not the students.

The College Adjutant also can not ignore the responsibility as things took place in his presence, he said.

Sources claimed that three

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days back, some senior teachers objected when the PT instructor engaged the boys in pulling the roller.

But the Instructor did not care, they claimed.

Iqbal used to write diary. He narrated some things done by the PT Instructor just on the previous day, the sources claimed. Even, he also wrote about roller-pulling that day in the form of a poem.

The diary has been taken by the college authorities. An official, when asked this afternoon, said he heard about it.

Sources alleged that just after the incident, the brain came out of Iqbal's head. The PT instructor took and threw it to a nearby drain. But soon after, he collected it and kept it on the grass and put a cover on it. Others saw the whole incident.