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Tragic death of 2 cadet college boys

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SYLHET, Nov 11: Two students of Sylhet Cadet College were crushed under a roller on the college ground this morning.

The victims are Iqbal, 13, son of Mostafizur Rahman of Manipurghat, Kishoreganj and Reza, 13, son of Dr Moinuddin Ahmed of village Munshirhat under Patharghata thana in Barguna district.

Sources in the college said, Iqbal and Reza, both students of class VII, went to the field to attend a routine parade in the morning. The parade ended at 6-15 am, but Iqbal and Reza along with some other students of the same class started pulling the roller, kept on one side of the field. Suddenly they went under the roller and were run over by it.

Iqbal died on the spot. Reza was rushed to Sylhet MAG
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Osmani Medical College Hospital with critical head injury. He died soon after admission.

Some students later alleged that the physical instructor of the college often asked the students to pull the roller as part of PT. Sometimes he forced them to do so, they alleged.

When the news spread, students of the college came out of its compound defying restriction and put up a barricade on Airport Road in front of the college at 7 am. The barricade was withdrawn after three hours.

Chairman of Bangladesh Cadet College Governing Body Maj Gen Mustafizur Rahman reached Sylhet by a Biman flight and is now at the college.

A three-member committee headed by Col Faruque from the School of Infantry & Tactics, Jalalabad Cantonment, has been formed to investigate the incident, an official source said.

Another four-member probe body headed by the vice-principal has been formed by the college authorities.

After post-mortem examination at the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College hospital, *namaj-e-janaja* of the two was held on the college campus.

Later, the bodies were handed over to their families. Two UD cases were lodged with the Sylhet Kotwali thana.