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A stunned Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal sitting in the rain after an assault by alleged BCL activists on a teachers' demo at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology yesterday.

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SHAHJALAL UNIVERSITY

Teachers' sit-in foiled by BCL

VC 'shoved' by teachers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chhatra League activists swooped on agitating teachers of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) on the campus in Sylhet yesterday, teachers said.

Several teachers, including Prof Yasmeen Haque, wife of noted writer Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, were assaulted by activists of the pro-Awami League student organisation during a teachers' demonstration in the morning, they added.

BCL campus unit leaders, however, said they had nothing to do with the incident and termed the allegation against them "false and baseless".

Meanwhile, university Vice-chancellor Aminul Haque Bhuiyan alleged that the agitating teachers "shoved" him on his way to office.

A section of teachers, under the banner of Mahan Muktiuddher Chetonay Udbuddho Shikkhak Parishad, have been demanding removal of the VC since April 12.

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Zafar Iqbal shell-shocked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal perhaps could not believe what had just happened -- some students of his university swooping on their teachers right before his eyes.

Shell-shocked, the eminent educationist who is widely respected for his pro-student stances over different issues found it hard to keep standing.

He squatted on the ground and remained there even when a splash of rain drenched him. He had an umbrella right beside him but didn't even touch it, perhaps because of perplexity triggered by the shock.

"Today [yesterday] I have gained an experience of a lifetime. I never even imagined that I would have to

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HC rejects plea against section 57

Says the petition on the ICT Act provision is 'premature'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday rejected a petition challenging the legality of section 57 of the ICT Act, saying the plea was premature.

The bench came up with the view after Deputy Attorney General Tapas Kumar Biswas opposed the petition and told the court that some measures regarding the controversial provision in the act was being considered by the government.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul-Haque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman then rejected the petition filed by a Supreme Court lawyer.

The court said the petitioner could move another petition challenging the sections of the Information and Communication Technology Act 2006, if he could mention any new grounds on the matter.

According to the section 57 of the act, if any person deliberately publishes or transmits false, obscene and derogatory information in a website or in any other electronic form, he or she will be sentenced to seven to 14 years' imprisonment and fined with maximum Tk 1 crore.

The section has triggered widespread criticism and outcry. Many legal experts have termed the provision against article 39 of the constitution which guarantees

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Goodbye, little Casper, goodbye

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sadman Casper, affectionately known in the trekker community as Chhoto Bhoot (little ghost), breathed his last yesterday at the Intensive Care Unit of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

A post operative complication known as aspiration pneumonia caused his death, said BSMMU Director Brig Gen (retd) Abdul Majid Bhuiyan.

After doctors in his hometown Chittagong failed to diagnose his medical condition, four-and-a-half-year-old Casper, son of trekker Tofazzal Hossain Apu, was brought to the BSMMU with nonstop rectal bleeding in the wee hours of Wednesday.

The BSMMU director said doctors at the children's ward had decided to conduct a surgery to find out the cause of the bleeding immediately after the kid was brought here.

As the bleeding receded on Wednesday, doctors decided to wait

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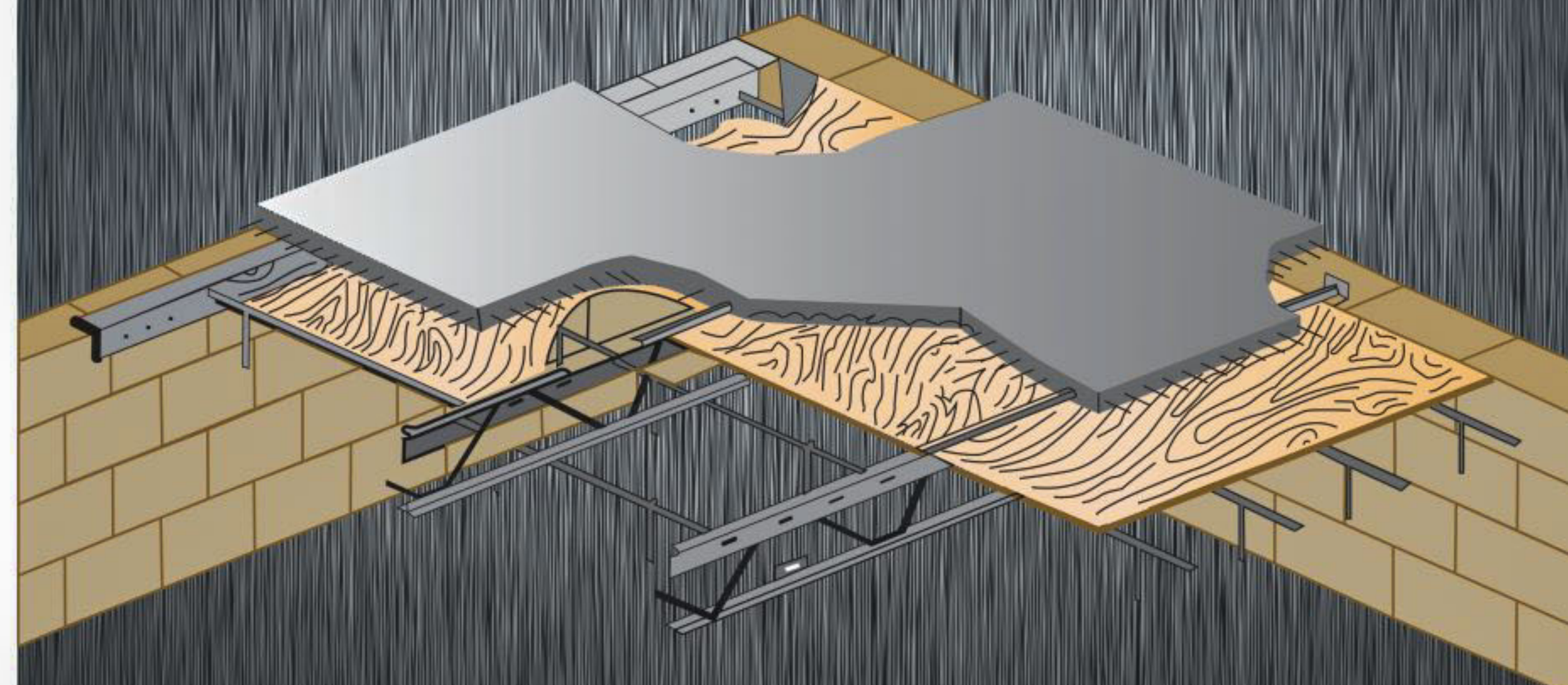
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