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Khaled Ahmed Litu

BCL activist shot dead in classroom

Happens an hour after rival factions clashed in Beanibazar College

STAR REPORT

A factional clash of Chhatra League has claimed yet another life.

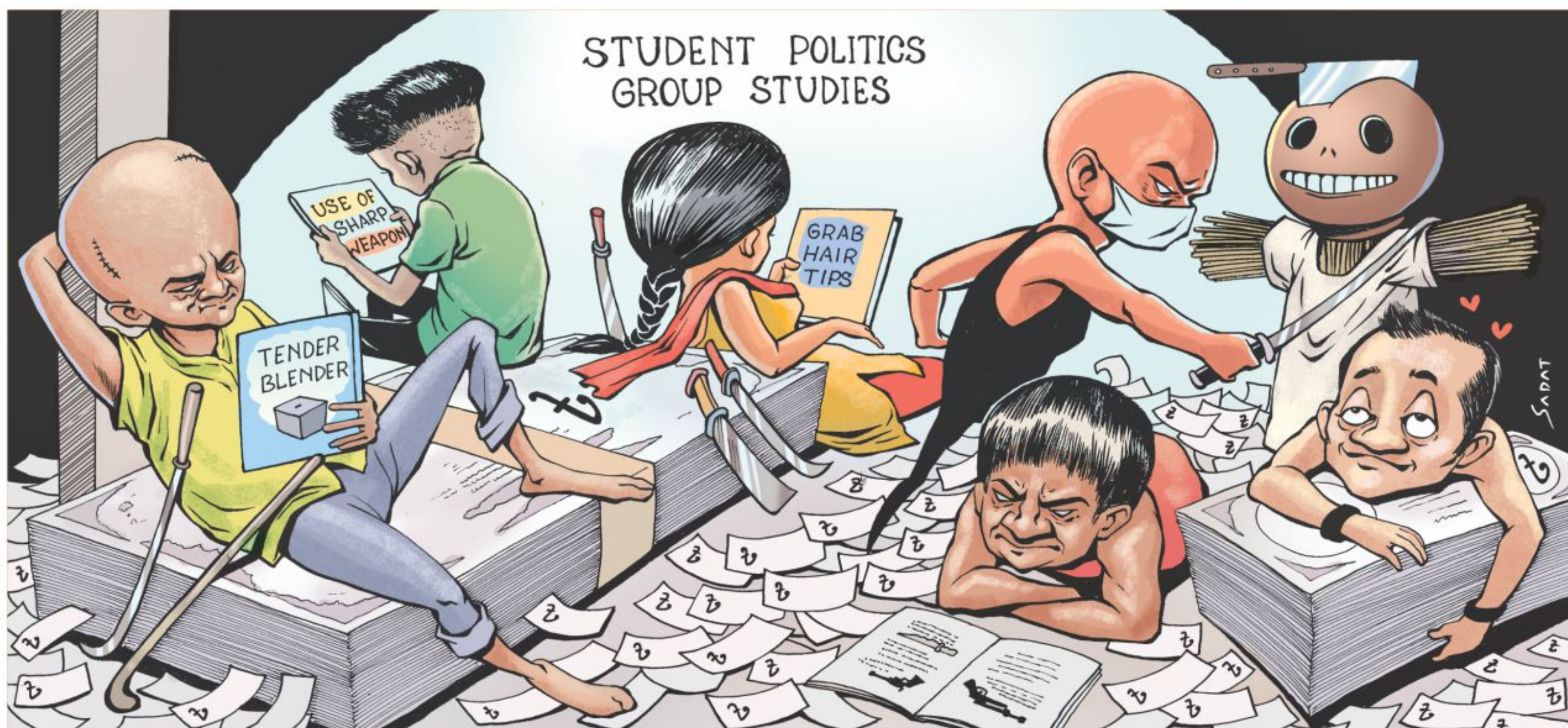
BCL activist Khaled Ahmed Litu was shot dead in a classroom of Beanibazar Government College in Sylhet yesterday, around an hour after two factions of the student front clashed on the campus over establishing supremacy.

The 23-year-old was a supporter of Pavel Mahmud, hospitality affairs secretary of Sylhet district BCL, said the unit's General Secretary Rayhan Chowdhury.

Meanwhile, two BCL factions of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) fought pitched battles on campus for around five hours since 8:00am yesterday over control of Bangabandhu Residential Hall. The rowdy BCL men vandalised two rooms of the dormitory.

In Barisal, Banaripara BCL President Sumon

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Mayhem for money

BCL remains unruly as it drifts away from its glorious past, politics of ideology

SHAKHAWAT LITON and PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

If you google Bangladesh Chhatra League, you will find numerous awful images of incidents involving the pro-Awami League student body. Google can aggregate those pictures as they were published in various sites, including that of news outlets.

Such incidents have resulted in, according to

media reports, over 125 deaths in the last eight years with the latest casualty being a BCL activist in Sylhet yesterday.

The victims include 60 BCL leaders and activists killed in internal feuds and 11 BCL men who died in clashes with rival organisations. The rest 54 are children and common people.

The BCL men started to draw widespread condem-

nation for their unruly behaviour immediately after the AL returned to power in January 2009. Annoyed, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned from the post of BCL's organisational leader in April that year.

As they did not refrain from indulging in unlawful activities, her office next year issued a note of caution ordering the home ministry to take necessary actions

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"Now student leaders are interested more in themselves..."

PRESIDENT ABDUL HAMID AT THE 50TH CONVOCATION OF DHAKA UNIVERSITY ON MARCH 4 THIS YEAR



"All the achievements of the government are overshadowed when Chhatra League hits the headlines for its misdeeds. Tender manipulation, extortion, grabbing of dormitory seats and rooms must stop."

AL GENERAL SECRETARY OBAIDUL QUADER AT A JAGANNATH UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME ON MARCH 30

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Measles, neglect killed the 9 Sitakunda kids

DGHS says sorry as it finds the children weren't vaccinated, suffered from malnutrition, didn't get proper treatment



A happy Suman Tripura playing with his baby girl Shapna while his two other children Jharna and Jatindra look on with smiles on their faces at Chittagong Medical College Hospital yesterday. Doctors say all the sick children from Tripura Para admitted to the hospital were recovering after they were given proper treatment and nutrition. Meanwhile, IEDCR and the health directorate yesterday said children in the remote hilly area in Sitakunda were suffering from measles. The disease spread and killed some as the victims were already suffering from malnutrition. They were also unvaccinated.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Medical examinations have confirmed measles as the cause of death of nine children at Tripura Para in Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong.

The children were never vaccinated, and people of the area have not received any health service whatsoever from the government, said officials of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) at a press conference yesterday.

Prof Abul Kalam Azad, director general of the DGHS, said the authorities became certain from the test results of blood and serum samples from the affected children that they had been infected by the germs of measles.

"They [the deceased children] were suffering from malnutrition too, which caused the disease to take a serious turn," he said at the conference held at the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

The deaths could have been prevented if the children were given proper treatment, he said, apologising for the sad and irreversible event.

Meanwhile, one more child, from Sonachori union, was hospitalised yesterday, reports our correspondent from Chittagong.

With the latest one, the number of hospitalised children having similar symptoms rose to 88.

Of them, 53 have been receiving treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) while the rest at Bangladesh Institute of Tropical and Infectious Disease (BITID) in Fouzderhat.

A medical team from Dhaka went there and collected blood and serum samples from the affected children.

At the press conference, the director general, accompanied by a WHO medical officer, assured that no more

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