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Violence follows student's death at rly. crossing

By A Staff correspondent

Another accident resulting in the death of a student of class seven of the Motiheel Ideal School at the Bashabo level crossing by a running train on Tuesday morning led to street violence in which several BRTC buses locomotives and property were damaged by the school students on the day.

The victim of the accident, Farhad Alam Bipul son of Faiz Ahmed, a businessman of Khilgaon, on his way to school was walking across the railway track in the morning. He was accompanied by his younger brother. When Bipul was passing through the gate which was closed a running train knocked him down. His young-

er brother, however, escaped the accident. Bipul died on the spot and later his body was taken to his school by other students.

Policemen who were summoned by the Principal were not allowed to take the body of the deceased from the school for post-mortem. They had to leave the school premises amidst protest by the agitated students.

Meantime a group of students with sticks in their hands went to the Kamalapur railway station and damaged the counters and stationary locomotives. On way to the station they damaged a number of BRTC buses. The traffic police had to make all the vehicles divert their route.

The angry students who claimed the death of their com-patriot as 'intentional' continued their rampage for sometime spreading panic throughout the area. They later brought out a procession in several trucks and visited the Jativ Press Club and Dhaka University to enlist support for their protest.

The violence died down with the passage of time and by dusk the situation was normal. Teachers and students of the school condoled the premature death of Bipul and expressed sympathy with the members of the bereaved family. The school authorities announced the closure of the school for two days (Wednesday and Thursday) as

a mark of respect to the departed soul. The Quran Khwan will be held on Friday after the Asar pryares at the deceased's residence.

An unnatural death (UD) case were registered with the G.R.P. at Kamalapur on the day. A G.R.P. source told this correspondent that in UD cases, no body is accused for any death caused by a running train. Elaborating the legal aspects he said that it was illegal to trespass on the railway land or to cross the tracks apart from specific routes like concrete roads for vehicles and overhead bridges for pedestrians. It is not possible for a running train to reach a dead stop by putting on the brake due to its enormous size, weight and momentum. So crossing of railway tracks except for marked spots have been made illegal, he added. "A running train is not supposed to notice a moving object that may come on its way," he said.

A DMP Press release said that at about 11.30 hours on Tuesday Farhad Ahmed alias Bipul (13) son of Faiz Ahmed Sarkar of 1-2 Zone-C Khilgaon Residential Area a student of class seven of the Ideal School Motiheel area while passing through the Bashabo railway level crossing dashed against and fell under a railway engine.