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BCL, Shibir trade gunshots during hartal in Ctg: 2 hurt

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CHITTAGONG, Apr 10: A young man and a minor boy were injured when supporters of the ruling party's Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir traded gunshots during today's dawn to dusk hartal at Satkania.

The BNP's Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Jamaat-e-Islami's Shibir, supported the hartal which was enforced by the All Party Students Alliance (APSA), police said.

The injured, identified as Iqbal, 18, and Azad, 9, both pedestrians, were admitted to hospital at Satkania with bullet wounds.

Police said both the pedestrians were caught in crossfire during the clash at 11 a.m. today.

The clash ensued when BCL supporters tried to bring out an anti-hartal procession at Satkania, witnesses said adding the pickets damaged two trucks at Alanker crossing at about 10 a.m. during hartal.

Police arrested 10 pickets from different places of the city

during the shutdown.

APSA called the hartal protesting the killing of a Shibir leader at Satkania on Thursday.

However, a large number of rickshaws plied the roads during hartal in the city although most of the vehicles stayed off the roads and highways.

Most of the shops and markets were closed while private and public offices functioned with thin attendance.

Delivery of goods to and from Chittagong port remained suspended although cargo handling went as usual, port sources said.

Mills and factories at the industrial belts at Nasirabad, Kalurghat, Patenga and Sitakundu suffered production loss due to thin attendance of workers.

Train service to and from Chittagong was as usual, railway sources said.

Paramilitary BDR and police were posted at important points of the city.