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School children blockade road for loadshedding

Traffic on the Airport Road was disrupted for about an hour from 2 pm on Tuesday as school children laid a siege on the road near Khilkhet bus stand, protesting frequent loadshedding in the area, reports UNB.

Witnesses said several thousand motor passengers remained stranded as hundreds of agitating students of Kurmitola High School, backed by local people, blocked the VIP road for the second consecutive day.

They had a similar blockade action Monday evening.

Police, however, swooped on the demonstrating youngsters with batons, injuring about a dozen of them, to clear the road. Students alleged police went into action after they had lifted the siege at the request by the stranded passengers.

Local people and students complained that a routine loadshedding from 6 pm to 10 pm every night had made the living in Khilkhet, Biswa Road and Kuratola area horrible, prompting them to opt for such action.

It was aimed at only to make the electricity authorities aware of the problem, they said.

Students particularly pointed out that the eventime power failure was seriously hampering their annual exam preparation, due next month.

They said despite repeated pleas to the electricity authorities, there was no sign of redressal.