

## 10 hurt as BCL factions clash

*Comilla University teacher 'assaulted'*

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At least 10 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League were injured in a factional clash at Comilla University yesterday. A teacher of the university was also assaulted by some BCL men, as he along with his colleagues tried to stop the clash.

The clash ensued when two factions, backed by the president and the general secretary of the BCL university chapter, came face to face in separate processions in front of Comilla Polytechnique Institute around 10:00am.

Mehedy Hasan, the injured teacher, said, "Usually, students' organisations march in processions to welcome the freshers."

"But, I have never heard of a procession taken out to welcome admission seekers," added Mehedy, also the vice-president of the university's teachers' association.

Around 44,000 students sat for yesterday's admission tests held in at least 30 schools and colleges as the university could not accommodate them on its own campus.

Witnesses said Mehedy intervened when the BCL factions were about to lock in a second round of clash at

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11:30am. Earlier at 10:00am, a clash left Rezaul Islam alias Majed, a joint general secretary and also loyal to the faction led by GS Reza-e-Elahi, injured along with five others.

The BCL activists also verbally assaulted Assistant Proctor Kazi Umar Siddiqui as he tried to contain the situation. Finally, Vice-chancellor Prof Ali Ashraf reached the scene with police and brought the situation under control.

GS Elahi and President Nazmul Hasan of the BCL university unit accused each other of being responsible for the clash.

The admission tests under C unit will continue today. Additional police have been deployed to ward off any untoward situation.