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## POLICE-BCL CLASH 10 BCL men sent to Sylhet jail

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A COURT in Sylhet on Tuesday sent 10 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League Sylhet unit to jail on charge of assaulting police on Monday night.

Chief metropolitan magistrate Saifuzzaman Hero passed the order in the afternoon after the police produced the accused before the court in the noon, said Kotwali police officer-in-charge Sohel Ahmad.

Sources said Sylhet Metropolitan Police suspended traffic on the Zindabazar-Chowhatta-Ambarkhana Road from Monday evening on the eve of two-day annual Urs of Hazrat Shahjalal that began from Tuesday early morning.

Around 25 BCL activists,

led by BCL central committee former assistant secretary Masud Kamal Sufi, riding on around 15 motorcycles wanted to enter from the Ambarkhana Point around 10:00pm on Monday, the sources said.

The lawmen engaged into an altercation with the activists as they tried to stop them from entering the area, the sources said.

The BCL men chanting slogan 'Joy Bangla' launched an attack on police, triggering a clash between them, the sources added.

At least 15 BCL activists and six lawmen, including the Kotwali police sub-inspector Shahin, assistant sub-inspectors Aziz and Farhad and constable Abbas, were injured in the clash, Ahmad said.

Police detained 10 BCL leaders and activists including Masud Kamal Sufi, Shahed, Atik, Rubel and Biju from the spot, the police said.

SMP additional deputy commissioner Rahmat Ullah told New Age that additional police went to the spot immediately after receiving the news of attack on police and dispersed the BCL men after firing a number of shotgun bullets.

'Four injured police were admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College and Hospital and rest of the injured were given first aid,' the SMP official said.

Kotwali police SI Shahin filed a case with the police early Tuesday, against 35 BCL activists in this regard, the OC added. 11