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## 10 injured as BCL men clash at MC College

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AT LEAST 10 people were injured as rival groups of the Bangladesh Chhatra League exchanged more than 30 gunshots during a clash over establishing dominance on the Sylhet MC College campus Sunday noon.

The BCL activists also assaulted a Somoy TV reporter Abdul Ahad and its cameraperson Nawshad and vandalised a movie camera as they tried to video the incident, eyewitnesses said.

The photo journalists working with the television channels and the regional and national dailies staged demonstration blocking the Sylhet-Tamabil Highway at Tilagar Point in the city for

more than one and a half hour to protest at the attack on reporters, the sources said.

Local people and students said supporters of BCL acting district president Hiran Mahmud Nipu established their superiority on the campus several weeks back after chasing out the supporters of the expelled district president Pankaj Purakayastha from the campus.

On Sunday, the clash began at the noon when the Pankaj-led group went to the campus. Leaders of both the rival groups fired at least 30 gunshots during the hour-long clash on the campus that left at least 10 of them injured and spread panic in the area.

MC College principal Dir-esh Chandra Sarker told New Age in the afternoon that he

was informed of the clash. 'But I am not aware of its details as I had to start for Dhaka in an official job immediately after the incident,' he added.

Local photojournalists started staging demonstration at the Tilagar Point near the college campus, blocking the Sylhet-Tamabil Highway from around 1:30pm to protest at the attack on Somoy TV reporter and its cameraperson.

Sylhet Metropolitan Police deputy commissioner Rezaul Karim reached the spot and persuaded the agitated photojournalists to stop demonstrating after assuring them of taking step against the responsible police officer for his negligence in protecting the on-duty reporters from the hand of BCL activists.