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Oil field auction: Police thrash KMSS protesters



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Many people sustained injury when security forces sprang upon a group ([/taxonomy/term/2415](#)) of KMSS activists in Guwahati who opposed the process to auction a dozen of oil fields in Assam on Saturday.

The incident took place in front of the Hotel Redision Blue in the outskirts of the city (/taxonomy/term/1957) where petroleum (/taxonomy/term/2424) minister Dharmendra Pradhan was meeting the interested bidders in the morning. Led by Akhil Gogoi hundreds of KMSS activists blocked the road leading to the five star hotel to prevent the movement of the bidders who were on the way to the meeting.

Initially, security forces asked the protesters to clear the road. When denied police and para military forces deployed there resorted to lathi (/taxonomy/term/2086) charge apart from lobbing tear gas (/taxonomy/term/1599) shells to disperse the protesters.

Earlier, the protesters warned the Centre and the bidders of dire consequences if they do not proceed with the deal (/taxonomy/term/1922). The Union minister on Friday formally announced the process to auction the oil fields to be followed by Gogoi's announcement of protest.



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