



Eight men arrested over 'race attack' on two Indians in Swanston Street

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Eight men have been arrested after the attack on two Indian students last night on the corner of Swanston and La Trobe streets in central Melbourne.

The two men - aged 18 and 22 - were allegedly approached by a group of 10 people about 10.20pm.

The group allegedly made several comments to the two men before the 18-year-old was pushed to the ground and kicked by a number of people from the group.

His ear was also cut with some kind of a weapon during the attack

Leading Senior Constable Kendra Jackson said some the comments were said to be racist.

"There were allegations that there were racial comments made," Sen-Constable Jackson said.

The 22-year-old was also punched to the ground and suffered minor abrasions to the forearm.

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The offenders were described as being of Asian appearance.

Police arrested eight men in the CBD several hours later, and they are being questioned over the attack.

The 18-year-old was taken to St Vincents Hospital with lacerations to the left ear.

The 22-year-old did not require medical treatment.

The victims do not wish to be identified.

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There is filth everywhere you turn in this country.

Alan of Essendon Posted at 10:11 AM Today

What are parents teaching their children these days in Australia? That's its acceptable and normal to bash and stab people? It's becoming embarrassing to be an Australian. The world must think we are a bunch of red necks. The justice system must show people that this sort of behaviour is not acceptable, and the powers that be must make radical changes to liquor licences across the city.

Peter Stokes Posted at 10:11 AM Today

So the truth is out at last; the attacks are racially based. Isn't it about time the police admitted that at least a good percentage of the attacks on Indians are by Asians, Africans, Lebanese and other ethnic minorities in gangs or not, and that while old Australians are mostly tolerant many new Australians are not. I do not for a minute suggest we curb our migration programs; let's just publicly call a spade a spade and admit that much of our violence comes from unassimilated newcomers. Just look at the trouble at the tennis and these are often second generation bigots. We need a determined effort to let all newcomers know that they must leave their prejudices behind when they come here and ensure that their children identify as Australian and not the ethnicity of their origin.

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