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Ruckus at hookah bar

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Tense situation prevailed at a restaurant on Uttarahalli-Kengeri main road Saturday evening when members of a self-styled outfit barged into it and created a ruckus.

Members of a group †Karmikara Hitarakshana Trust' entered Coffee Melange claiming that the restaurant was offering hookah with ganja and charas. They also pushed around the manager of the restaurant and threw away boxes of hookah.

Rajarajeshwari Nagar Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. They later told Deccan Herald that the restaurant did not serve ganja or charas.

However, the restaurant was serving hookah with tobacco, they said. The police have served notices on the restaurant management and eight men and women for smoking in public place.

The police added that it was for the BBMP to act against hookah bars and the police had no powers to crack down on them as they were not illegal under the present laws.

BBMP had earlier adopted a resolution to ban Hookah bars in the City. However, this was challenged by the restaurants in the High Court.

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