

Police open fire on protesters affected by floods, minor injured



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Barpeta: Police opened fire and lathi-charged a group of flood-hit people on Wednesday who were blocking a highway near Barpeta town demanding urgent relief. One minor and several other people were injured in this incident. About 1500 people were taking shelter at Bhella High Secondary School since Saturday last, but not getting any kind of Government relief or other support. The angry villagers blocked Barpeta-Doulashal road on Wednesday evening in protest. A police team led by Additional Superintendent of Police reached the spot immediately and tried to clear road forcefully. When people protested, police lathi charged to disperse the mob. People started pelting stones and brick pieces on police provoking them to open fire. They fired 8 rounds and one bullet hit an 11-year minor on his knee.

Later Deputy Commissioner and Police Superintendent rushed to the spot and tackled the situation. District administration arranged medical treatment for all injured, promised to give rations immediately and declared a Judicial Inquiry.

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