

POLICE FIRING ON RU STUDENTS HC wants to know whether probe body formed, case filed

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The High Court yesterday asked a deputy attorney general to inform in one week whether any committee was formed to investigate the February 2 police firing on Rajshahi University general students holding a peaceful demonstration.

Hearing a writ petition, it also wanted to know from Al Amin Sarkar whether any case was filed against the alleged political activists who also shot at the students.

The HC bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar then adjourned the hearing for a week.

The petition was filed with the HC on February 18 by 14 eminent citizens, including Prof Akmal Hussain of Dhaka University and rights activist Khushi Kabir of Nijera Kori, challenging the firing's legality.

The petition was filed since the government authorities did not respond to a legal notice served on February 11 seeking explanation of the police action.

Over 100 RU students suffered injuries from rubber bullets while demanding cancellation of the university authorities' decision to hike fees and continue evening master's programmes.