

# NHRC team to begin investigation on Sunday

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### Forum to conduct public hearing on police firing today

The National Human Rights Commission's fact-finding team is expected to start on Sunday its probe into the killing of 13 persons in the police firing during the anti-Sterlite protest that turned violent in Thoothukudi on May 22.

The fact-finding team, comprising a Senior Superintendent of Police, three Deputy Superintendents of Police and an Inspector, is likely to land here on Saturday evening and commence its probe on Sunday.

The team, which is likely to camp at Thoothukudi till June 7, is expected to meet the family members of the victims, witnesses and those who volunteer to depose before submitting its report within two weeks.

Meanwhile, the People's Coordination Committee Against Thoothukudi Police Firing has proposed to organise public hearing on the police firing at Bell Hotel between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday (June 2).

“The public hearing is organised with the objective of bringing out the truth behind the police firing.

Retired judges, former police officials, educationists, senior advocates and journalists will conduct the public hearing in which relatives of the victims and those who witnessed the police firing and other unfortunate incidents may appear before the panel,” Henry Tiphagne of People's Watch told reporters here on Friday .

After the public hearing, the team will visit the affected families and the police officers before preparing its report.