

Mass shootings of religious protesters in Dhaka, UK licence-fee payers want to know why the BBC has not covered the issue ?

The Muslim Council of Britain observes emerging reports of mass shootings of religious protesters in Dhaka, the Bangladeshi capital, in the early hours of Monday morning. It is alleged that police fired live rounds on to protesters with little provocation. With a government enforced media-blackout underway, the true extent of the atrocity is being suppressed. British Bangladeshis, second largest Muslim community in UK, have approached the Muslim Council to ensure the truth prevails.

On 5th of May there was a protest in Bangladesh's capital city, Dhaka, by a religious and usually apolitical group. While the contents of their demands may be the subject of intense debate, the protestors nevertheless deserve the right to life and freedom of association.

We call on the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to investigate the matter as a priority and demand an explanation from the Bangladesh government, a member of the Commonwealth. UK licence-fee payers will also want to know why the BBC has not covered the issue with fairness in recent months and days. We call on human rights NGOs and media in Bangladesh to extend their humanity to religious actors in their country, who they are used to framing as oppressors. Human rights and dignity are for everybody.(Press Release by MCB 1.5.2013)