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Mamata injured during campaign, alleges plot

West Bengal CM says four or five people pushed her

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday suffered injuries to her left leg while campaigning in Nandigram and was rushed to Kolkata for treatment. A visibly distressed Ms. Banerjee alleged that she was greeting people when four or five people surrounded and pushed her.

"There were no local police personnel. Even the Superintendent of Police was not there.. There is lot of swelling .. I am in pain and have to return to Kolkata," Ms. Banerjee told journalists. Asked whether there was some conspiracy, Ms. Banerjee said, "It is a conspiracy. They did it purposely."

The Chief Minister was brought to the SSKM Hospital. She was returning from a religious event in Nandigram to her temporary residence in Reyapara and stepped out of her vehicle to greet people, when the incident occurred.

Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, Trinamool Congress MP who



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was injured during her campaign in Nandigram on Wednesday. ■■ ■

was in Nandigram with Ms. Banerjee, said, "At about 6.15 p.m., when she was about to leave Birulia Anchal after performing puja in a temple, a few unknown persons pushed her to the car and forcibly shut down the door, as a result of which she sustained injuries in her left leg and also suffered severe pain in the waist.

The Trinamool Congress leadership condemned the development and called it "most unfortunate".

While a section of the BJP leadership wished her a speedy recovery, party leaders like Kailash Vijyavargiya and Arjun Singh and State Congress president Adhir Chowdhury alleged she was trying to "gain sympathy".