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Shantinagar MLA Haris, three others injured in blast

Police suspect it could be owing to firecrackers

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Shantinagar MLA Nalapad Ahmed Haris was among four people who sustained injuries in a minor blast at a cultural programme at Vannarpet in the constituency on Wednesday around 8.30 p.m.

The injured people were near the dais, close to the blast site. They were taken to St. Philomena Hospital where doctors said they are out of danger.

The MLA's son Mohammed Nalapad who witnessed the incident told *The Hindu* that he "saw some explosive substance mysteriously fall from above" when his father was seated on the stage. "It was as though someone aimed and threw it at my father. Fortunately, it did not hit him. But



People gathered near the spot where the blast took place at Vannarpet in Bengaluru on Wednesday. ■SUDHAKARA JAIN

it hit the hand of the person sitting next to him and fell on the floor of the stage making a loud explosion-like sound," he said, adding that his father sustained injuries on his leg.

The police, who were

questioning eyewitnesses at the time of going to press, are yet to identify the cause of the blast. They have cordoned off the area for further investigation.

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