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<b>Title:</b>	<b>88 people fell ill after having chapatis made of buckwheat flour in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh</b>			
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A total of 88 people fell ill after having chapatis made of buckwheat flour that had been sourced from two wholesalers in the city. The two traders have been detained.

On Wednesday night, residents of various colonies in Modinagar and Muradnagar complained of uneasiness and severe stomach ache. Many had to be rushed to hospitals, where they were treated for food poisoning.

As of Thursday morning, 14 people were still undergoing treatment at the District Hospital, while the others were discharged from various health facilities. Officials at the hospital said the condition of the 14 was stable. A team from the district administration and the food safety department visited the areas where people fell ill on Thursday morning. "When we questioned the people, we found that almost all of them had had chapatis made from buckwheat flour (kuttu ka atta), which is common during Navratri. We shortlisted seven shops from where the flour was bought," said Shubhangi Shukla, the Modinagar SDM.

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Further questioning revealed that the retail shops had sourced the flour from two wholesale dealers — Vipin and Uttam Gupta.

“Prima facie, it looks like the flour was stale. But there is a high chance of adulteration as well. Shopkeepers tend to such practices during the festive season, when the demand is high,” said Vipin Kumar, assistant commissioner (food safety).

Around 2.5 quintals of flour was seized from the wholesale dealers and the seven shops from where the residents had bought it. “The samples have been sent for testing. People have also been advised to discard the flour they bought recently from these shops,” Kumar said.

Vipin and Uttam Gupta were detained and their shops sealed. If found guilty, they can be booked under Section 59 (3) of the Food Safety Act and other provisions of the IPC.

Surendra Pal (50) of Saundha village, who was admitted to a health centre along with his wife and two-year-old daughter, recounted he had a severe stomach ache hours after eating dinner.

“There was vomiting, loose motion and drowsiness too,” Pal said.

“When the condition of my daughter deteriorated, we rushed her to the health centre in Muradnagar. We were administered a drip and told that our body was dehydrated. There were many with similar conditions,” he added.

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