

Monochrotophos poisoning in a family

In October 2006 seven members of a family developed abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhoea 2-3 hours after eating Chapaties made from a mixture of Bajra and Bavta. Three children were admitted to Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad, out of which one child died soon after the admission to the hospital. The four adults who were earlier treated at Nadiad were later on transferred to Ahmedabad. Sample of the flour consumed by the patients was found to contain 937 ppm of monochrotophos.

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Twenty-five children were admitted to Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad after eating fruit of the plant *Jatropha curcas* at Kadi. They had abdominal pain & vomiting and they were discharged after the supportive treatment. These plants are being grown for its use as a biofuel. It is important to create awareness in the public about the toxicity of the plant as all the parts of the plants contain toxalbumin.