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Villagers of Shaikhpara at Gajol in Malda district stage protests today following the death of two infants who received DPT and BCG vaccines at the Sheikpara Sub-Health Centre two days ago.

Nazeer Ansari (3) and Rohan Reza (6) were vaccinated along with eight other children, who all fell ill after that.

On Thursday, five of them were admitted with high fever at Gajol Rural Hospital and the rest were released after preliminary treatment. Of them, Nazeer and Rohan were referred to Malda District Hospital and they died while being brought there.

Wahedullah Shah and Abdul Karim, fathers of Nazeer and Rohan, said the health worker who usually administers the vaccines at the health centre, was absent that day and one Rehana Khatun was in duty in her place. They said the latter might have mishandled the dosage.

As people demonstrated in front of the hospital, the situation was brought under control by police intervention.