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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Chlorine gas leaks at Rampur district hospital, 25 patients affected; probe ordered</b>			
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Chlorine gas stored for cleaning water in Rampur district hospital leaked out on Sunday afternoon, affecting at least 25 patients as well as attendants and staff at the hospital. While fire brigade personnel evacuated the hospital, district authorities have ordered an inquiry into the matter. According to hospital authorities, at around 3:30 pm, the gas, stored in two cylinders at the water pump house, started leaking from one of the cylinders, which was damaged. The gas then spread towards the ICU and isolation ward located nearby, affecting patients, attendants and staff there. They started complaining of nausea, chest pain and vomiting.

Additional chief medical officer MC Garg said, "Of the patients admitted in the isolation ward and ICU, 25 were found to have been affected by the gas. They were immediately evacuated, as were the attendants and staff, some of who were also affected." Tushar Sharma, a patient at the ICU said, "I was lying in bed when I suddenly felt irritation in my eyes and felt suffocated. I was shifted to another ward."

Chand Khan, who was attending to his sister Samina Bi, who was admitted to the hospital said, "As soon as the leakage was detected, there was chaos, with people trying to escape with patients, some carrying children or old people. Almost everyone

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said they were unable to breathe.”

Local Congress leader Nikku Pandit, who was present when the gas began leaking and saw the yellow gas seep into the wards along the surface of the ground said, “Hospital authorities are responsible for this incident, because the gas was kept in old cylinders in the pump house. We have sought an inquiry into the matter and that the officials responsible should be punished.”

City magistrate Om Prakash Tiwari said, “An inquiry will be conducted to ascertain the cause of the leak. The gas was stored for purifying water. After inquiry, an FIR will also be registered against those responsible, because the toxic gas might have caused a major tragedy in the hospital and the adjacent localities of the city.”

Fire brigade personnel, who rushed to stop the leak, found two cylinders in the pump house and located the damaged one, which was immediately removed to a deserted place at a nearby riverbank.

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