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Title:	Two deaths & hundreds have been affected due to diarrhoea in district Jalandhar, Punjab			
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As many as two people died and hundreds have been affected in a diarrhoea outbreak in the Ward No. 35 — primarily Makhdoompura and Dhobi Mohalla — due to contamination caused by mixing of sewage with drinking water in the area.

Rajana, a 19-year-old Nepalese origin migrant, and Aryan, a 10-month-old child, lost their lives in the outbreak. While Aryan died on August 4, Ranjana was taken to Guru Nanak Mission Hospital after she suffered a severe diarrhoea bout, where she died on August 5.

Health teams visited as many as 460 homes and 2,200 persons at Makhdoompura where a health camp was also held today.

As many as 250 persons reported at health camp organised by health teams at the office of the Ward No. 35 councillor, Joginder Singh Tony.

Eighth thousand chlorine tablets were also distributed among residents of the ward. Speaking to The Tribune, Tony said, “I have been calling MC teams for the past many days as complaints related to polluted drinking water were pouring in from the ward, but they never responded. It was only yesterday that health teams finally came in and the work for fixing the leak began. So far two water connections have been cut, but the actual cause of the leak hasn’t been established until now. However, things are expected to clear up by tomorrow morning.”

The councillor said at least 23 to 25 patients with diarrhoea and jaundice were admitted to various hospitals in the city.

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Notably, outbreaks in various areas of the city have been linked to water contamination caused by faulty or illegal connections. Every year many illegal connections are snapped in wards from where outbreak of the disease is reported. It remains a mystery as to why the Municipal Corporation (MC) has failed to act against illegal connections.

District integrated disease surveillance project in charge, Dr Surinder Kumar, said, "None of the two deaths in the area have formally been ascertained as to be caused by diarrhoea. Even the hospital where the girl was taken, hasn't mentioned it as diarrhoea. The conditions in which these people were living are unsanitary. The area does have some diarrhoea patients, but no case of jaundice has been reported so far. Out of the 120 people, who attended the camp held today, only a few were new diarrhoea patients." So far, nine cases of diarrhoea and two of vomiting were reported from the area today, he added. Health teams also surveyed Gazigullah and Rattan Nagar, besides other parts of the city.

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