

Meghalaya food poisoning kills 9



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A pall of [gloom](#) grips [Meghalaya](#) when nine people died during the last 24 hours since they ate rice packed with pork and chicken served at a church function in Ri Bhoi district on Sunday. More than 250 others have been receiving treatment in the various hospitals in Ri Bhoi and Shillong.

Around 2000 people from [ten](#) villages in the district thronged the church premises of Nongya village on Sunday where they were served rice packed with chicken and pork in the afternoon.

Hours after those, mostly, ate rice with packed pork complained of vomiting and loose motion to be rushed to the hospitals where three people died at night. Six others died on Monday and Tuesday.

The government has set up a medical camp in the village and ordered a magisterial probe into it. The officials probing the tragedy have collected food and water samples to be sent to the forensic laboratory.

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KOKRAJHAR, September 22, 2026 — The All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) on Tuesday burnt copies of a book titled *Hamkoshar Parishista* during protests held at several locations across Assam, including Gauhati University, objecting to what it described as the use of the Assamese script to represent the Bodo language.

Hamkoshar Parishista is a multilingual appendix containing learning resources for indigenous languages of Assam, including Bodo, Rabha, Mising and Karbi.

During the protests, ABSU members alleged that Bodo has been represented in the publication using the Assamese script instead of Devanagari, the script used for Bodo.

The organisation asserted that Bodo is recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India and is an Associate Official Language of Assam. ABSU demanded that Bodo be represented in its recognised script in educational and learning resources.

ABSU president Khwrmmdao Wary said the use of the Assamese script to represent Bodo in the publication was disrespectful to the Bodo language and literature.

He said Bodo is an Associate Official Language of Assam and a language recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Wary demanded the immediate withdrawal of the publication in its present form and called for the use of the Devanagari script for Bodo in the book.

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