

15 students in Shaanxi hit by food poisoning

A suspected food poisoning case has affected 15 primary school students in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, authorities said Friday.

The incident occurred at noon Thursday, when students in Zhashui County showed symptoms of food poisoning, according to the Children's Hospital in Xi'an, capital of Shaanxi, where the students are being treated.

Xu Haoxiang, one of the students, said that he ate the steamed noodles provided by the school before feeling sick. Xu and other students later started developing symptoms such as fever, diarrhea and vomiting.

According to Xu, the potatoes and bean sprouts in the steamed noodles tasted odd.

Of the students, 6 have been discharged, while two remain under observation, said Su Yufei, a doctor at the hospital.

The exact cause of the children's symptoms is still unknown.

Authorities with the provincial center for disease control and prevention have begun an investigation.