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### **Australia: Black kites died off in North Queensland**

Experts are looking for clues as to why common black kites are falling dead from north Queensland skies. Black kites, also known as shite-hawks and firebirds, are medium-sized birds of prey and are among the few raptor species which gather in flocks. Testing has so far excluded bird flu and Newcastle disease, both highly contagious viral infections linked to mass deaths of migratory wild birds, and transmissible to humans. [read more](#)

### **China: Latest confirmed H7N9 human case**

The National Health and Family Planning Commission, China notified WHO of an additional laboratory-confirmed case of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus. This is the first new confirmed case of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus since 29 May 2013. The patient is a 61 year-old woman from Langfang City in Hebei Province who became ill on 10 July 2013. She was admitted to a local hospital from 10-15 July and transferred to a hospital in Beijing on 18 July. She is in a critical condition. On 20 July 2013, Beijing Municipal Center for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed avian influenza A(H7N9) virus by nucleic acid detection. [read more](#)

### **China: H7N9 found in Langfang live poultry markets**

Langfang City, Hebei Province, announced today that the disease control department: Already in live poultry markets frequented by patients found positive for H7N9 virus samples. Local strict prevention and control measures are being taken to prevent the development of the epidemic (Google translation). [read more](#)

### **China: JE in Hong Kong**

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) is today (July 16) investigating a confirmed case of Japanese encephalitis (JE) affecting a 59-year-old man and hence urged the public to take precautions against mosquito-transmitted diseases. [read more](#) The second case was a 52-years-old male patient, with good past health, presented with headache and fever on July 13. He was admitted to Tuen Mun Hospital on July 15 because of acute confusion. He is now in critical condition. [read more](#) A 13-year-old boy from Tin Shui Wai has been confirmed to have contracted the deadly Japanese encephalitis in the district's third reported case in two weeks. [read more](#)

### **China: Another FMD type O outbreak in Tibet**

The Ministry of Agriculture reported an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease caused by type O in Duobuzha, Dingjie, Rikaze, Tibet which led to culling of 85 cattle. [read more](#)

### **China: Rabies reappears in Taiwan**

Rabies has reappeared in Taiwan for the first time in 50 years, said Victor Fei Pang, a professor at the School of Veterinary Medicine of National Taiwan University. [read more](#) the disease was recently detected in the remains of wild Formosan ferret-badgers in Lugu Township, Nan-T'ou as indicated in the report submitted to OIE on 17 July 2013. [read more](#)

### **India: JE on the rise in Assam**

The district health department has stepped up surveillance after some cases of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) were reported in Kokrajhar. The health department kicked off an awareness campaign to prevent the spread of the disease. [read more](#)

### **Indonesia: Return of rabies in Bali**

Despite its optimism to be rabies free by 2015, Bali has been challenged this week by another rabies case. On Tuesday, a rabid dog bit five people in Gianyar regency. The people who were bitten have received medical treatment and rabies vaccinations. [read more](#) Bali's Health Agency is again warning local residents and visitors alike to remain on alert for rabies as cases of dog bites continue to rise across the island. [read more](#)

### **Indonesia: Bird flu in Bandung, West Java**

Of 800 ducks that died suddenly in Kampung RT01/01 Kondanglaer Sangiang Village, Ranchi district, Bandung regency, West Java, have tested positive for bird flu virus (H5N1) seven tails. According to the Chief Medical Officer of Alma Lucyati West Java, based on information from animal husbandry department of the death of poultry (ducks) in Ranchi, the results were found to be positive H5N1 clade 2.3.2 (Google translation). [read more](#)