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### **China: 35 confirmed rabies cases in Taiwan**

The Council of Agriculture (COA), reported a total of 35 confirmed cases of ferret-badgers with rabies as well as one house shrew since the first rabies case was reported on July 17. Chiayi County became the seventh area with confirmed rabies cases along with Kaohsiung City, Taitung County, Nantou County, Taichung City, Tainan City and Yunlin County. [read more](#)

### **China: New H5N2 outbreak in Taiwan**

An outbreak of H5N2 in a duck farm in Yuli Township, Hua-Lien was reported to OIE on 2 August 2013 by the Animal Technology Institute, Council of Agriculture, Taiwan. [read more](#)

### **China: First outbreak of H5N3 in Taiwan**

An outbreak of low pathogenic H5N3 avian influenza has been detected on a duck farm in the eastern county of Hualien, the first occurrence of the virus strain in Taiwan. [read more](#)

### **China: New outbreak of FMD in Tibet**

An outbreak of FMD caused by FMDV serotype A was reported from Quma township, Lazi, Rikaze, Tibet led to destroy 413 cattle. [read more](#)

### **China: Floating dead pigs resurface in Chinese rivers**

In the months since authorities fished out more than 10,000 dead pigs from Huangpu River and its tributaries in March, farmers still appear to be disposing of the carcasses the same way. Internet searches for "dead pig" and "river" have resulted in media reports of similar incidents every month. 1) Over 70 dead swine salvaged from Hunan Liuyang river, 2) Dozens of dead pigs floating in Chengdu-odours overwhelm passersby, 3) Ten rotten pigs in Hebei may have been dumped by vendors. [read more](#)

### **India: Bird flu outbreaks in Chhattisgarh**

Secretary of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries of Ministry of Agriculture, India, Mr Gokul Chandra Pati reported outbreaks of HPAI H5N1 in two poultry farms in Chhattisgarh to OIE on 5 August 2013. [read more](#)

### **Indonesia: Dozens of native chickens died suspected bird flu**

Dozens of chicken died suddenly in a week in Kuta village, Tebingtinggi Sergai, North Sumatra caused a strong suspicion of HPAI (H5N1), the technical term of bird flu (Google translation). [read more](#)

## **Nepal: Eleven more bird flu outbreaks in Bhaktapur**

Animal health expert Bijayakanta Jha said that chicken from six more poultry farms in Bhaktapur have been confirmed with the H5N1 virus in the tests performed by the Central Veterinary Laboratory in Thapathali, Kathmandu. [read more](#) The surge of bird flu outbreaks in Kathmandu has forced the Nepalese government to ban the movement of poultry products in the Kathmandu valley. [read more](#) Even the government mulls extending the ban on poultry products after a rapid increase in the cases of bird flu, additional five poultry farms in Bhaktapur district were confirmed H5N1 positive on Monday make a total number of poultry farms confirmed with bird-flu to 19 in the district. [read more](#)

## **Nepal: H5N1, H5N7, H1N9 may involve in recent outbreaks**

Birds in most of poultry farms in Bhaktapur are infected with H5N1, H5N7, or H1N9, different strains of bird flu. Even though government officials claim no human has been infected, there is no way to be sure of that without carrying out definitive tests. Also, farmers whose chickens are dying from H1N9, a lesser known strain of bird flu, have complained of government negligence. [read more](#)

## **Nepal: Bird flu in Lalitpur, Bagmati**

While the neighbouring Bhaktapur district has been reeling under the recent outbreaks of bird flu, the deadly H5N1 virus has also been confirmed in one poultry farm of Imadol, Lalipur district on Monday. [read more](#)

## **Sri Lanka: Zoonotic disease situation updates**

By 31 July 2013, the Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka reported a total of 2571 confirmed cases of leptospirosis in human. Of this, 179 were in July. [read more](#) While in their Weekly Epidemiological Report (WER) there were 180 confirmed cases of encephalitis and 6 rabies cases reported as of 5 April 2013. [read more](#)

## **Vietnam: Additional information on bird flu in Tien Giang**

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), there were a number of quail farms in Tien Giang affected with H5N1 led to destroy over 26,000 quails and the risk of spreading to poultry is very high. On that basis, MARD has sent a written message to the agencies to take preventive measures by testing quail farms to avoid spreading of H5N1 avian flu (Google translation). [read more](#)