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### **China: Two new confirmed human H7N9 cases in Guangdong**

The first case was a 62-year-old man, Liang, the resident of the city of Yangjiang. He is in critical condition. Epidemiologists and clinical experts have assisted the province in Yangjiang conduct epidemiological investigations and guide patient treatment. [read more](#)

The second case was a 38-year-old man, Ou, lived in Longgang District, Shenzhen. He is in critical conditions. The patient developed fever, cough on 9 December 2013, went to local clinic for treatment. He referred to South Bay Hospital on 12 December. He was tested positive for H7N9 on 17 December by Shenzhen CDC and confirmed by the Guangdong Provincial Centre for Disease Control on 18 December. [read more](#)

### **China: Jiangxi reported H10N8 human case**

Health authorities in east China's Jiangxi Province on Wednesday confirmed a human case of H10N8, a new strain of bird flu to infect people. A 73-year-old woman, who died of respiratory failure on Dec. 6, was later confirmed to have been carrying the H10N8 virus by the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, according to a statement issued by the emergency response office of the provincial health department. [read more](#)

### **China: Confirmed H5N2 outbreak in Hebei**

An outbreak of H5N2 bird flu in poultry has been reported in north China's Hebei Province, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) announced on Saturday. The disease has killed 4,000 chickens raised by a farm in Baoding City after they showed symptoms of the suspected avian flu on Dec. 17, according to the MOA. [read more](#)

### **China: 8 new rabies cases confirmed in Taiwan**

As of this week, a total of 268 rabies outbreaks involving 268 ferret-badgers, one Asian house shrew and a puppy bitten by a ferret-badger have tested positive for rabies infection, were reported by the Central Epidemic Command Center reported on 18 December 2013, adding that the number of cities and counties that have confirmed cases of rabid animals remained unchanged at nine. [read more](#)

### **India: Anthrax in Tamil Nadu**

Two goats died due to anthrax near Tindivanam here on Friday night. This incident occurred just two months after the animal husbandry department vaccinated the livestock at Nolambur village near Tindivanam following reports of several goat deaths at that time. On Friday, two more goats from the same village died. The villagers recognised symptoms of anthrax in the goats and alerted the animal husbandry officials, who inspected the carcass and confirmed

that the goats had died of Anthrax. As a preventive measure, a medical camp was set up and the team vaccinated about 1,200 goats. [read more](#)

### **India: Rabies situation in Bangalore, Karnataka**

With increasing number of rabies cases being reported from various parts of the city and low awareness among the public, hospitals are even considering setting up dedicated dog bite clinics. The corporation hospitals in the city annually records around 25,000 animal bite cases, while other hospitals treat 5,000 odd cases. Chinmaya Mission Hospital (CMH) has decided to come up with a dedicated dog bite clinic on similar lines as the one at Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences(KIMS). [read more](#)

### **Indonesia: Bali to revise 2015 rabies-free target**

After failing to reach its target of being rabies free by 2012, the provincial administration has revised its target to 2015 due to the re-emergence of rabies cases throughout 2013. “We have had to correct our previous target to eliminate rabies in Bali to the year 2015,” said Ketut Suarjaya, head of Bali Health Agency, Thursday. Initially, the administration was optimistic about achieving its 2015 rabies-free target. [read more](#)

### **Philippines: 14 human deaths due to rabies in Central Luzon**

Department of Agriculture (DA) has recorded 14 human deaths in Central Luzon due to rabies from January to November this year. “From the figure, Bulacan posted the most with nine followed by Tarlac and Zambales with two each and Pampanga with one,” Regional Rabies Coordinator Milagros Mananggit disclosed. [read more](#)

### **Region: SE Asia milk supplies under threat from foot and mouth disease**

Milk production in Southeast Asia has come under threat as it struggles with outbreaks of foot-and-mouth (FMD) disease. A 20% drop in China's milk production is reported to have taken place in part due to FMD. This, combined with high feed prices and high beef prices, is believed to have led to the slaughtering of around 2 million cows. [read more](#)