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China: Taiwan confirmed second import H7N9 case

Health authorities confirmed Tuesday that a Chinese tourist in Taiwan has been infected with the H7N9 strain of bird flu, marking the second imported H7N9 infection this year. The infected, an 86-year-old man from Jiangsu Province, is still in Taiwan receiving treatment, though most of his 25-person tour group has already returned to China, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). [read more](#)

China: Four new confirmed human H7N9 cases

The first case was a an 86-year-old local surnamed Zhou from Shanghai. He was confirmed to be infected with the bird flu virus on Friday and is in critical condition. The patient went to wet market to buy chicken with his wife and stood by as the stall's owner slaughtered the chicken. [read more](#)

The second case was a 34-year-old woman surnamed Cai, who is from the city of Zhuji, Zhejiang Province. She was confirmed to be infected with H7N9 on Saturday. By 1pm on Sunday, she was still in critical condition at a local hospital, the statement said. [read more](#)

The third and fourth cases were from Guangdong Province, confirmed on 6 January 2014. The third case was a 47-year-old man, live poultry vendor, from Guangzhou contracted the disease on December 25.

The fourth case was a 71-year-old farmer in Yangdong County, Yangjiang City was found to have the disease on January 1. He had no direct contact with live poultry. They both are in critical conditions. [read more](#)

China: Goose coops test positive for H7N9 in Guangzhou

Samples of goose coops taken from a Guangzhou market in south China's Guangdong Province have tested positive for H7N9 avian influenza. Two goose coop samples and one sewage water sample from two poultry booths in a wet market in Zengcheng, a satellite city of Guangzhou, tested positive, Guangdong Provincial Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) confirmed on Sunday (original article is in Chinese). [read more](#)

China: Another environmental specimen tested positive for H7N9 in Guangdong

An environmental sample taken from a live poultry market in south China's Guangdong Province has tested positive for H7N9 bird flu, the provincial health authority announced on Sunday. The sample was collected from the Nanchao Market in Doumen District of Zhuhai City on Saturday, according to the provincial health and family planning commission. The Guangdong Provincial Center of Disease Control and Prevention confirmed. [read more](#)

China: New H5N1 outbreak in Guizhou

An outbreak of H5N1 was reported on 2 January 2014 to OIE in a poultry farm in Yijue Village, Libo, Qiannan, Guizhou Province. According to [Xinhua](#), some chickens at a farm in a village of Libo County in the prefecture of Qiannan in Guizhou showed symptoms of suspected avian flu and 8,500 chickens died on December 27, 2013. Local authorities have sealed off and sterilized the infected area, where a total of 18,250 chickens, 4,569 ducks and 248 geese have been culled and safely disposed of to prevent the disease from spreading, according to the MOA. [read more](#)

China: 9 new rabies cases confirmed in Taiwan

As of this week, a total of 281 rabies outbreaks involving 283 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 Centre reported on 25 December 2013, adding that the number of cities and counties that have confirmed cases of rabid animals remained unchanged at nine. [read more](#)

China: Three new outbreaks of PPR in Xinjiang

Three new outbreaks of pest de petit ruminants (PPR) were reported on 2 and 3 January 2014 to OIE. The first outbreak was in sheep and goats farm in Sayibage Village, Luntai, Bayinggol Mongolia Autonomous Prefecture with 38 animals died and 165 destroyed. The second outbreak was in sheep farms in Yibao Village of Kuche, Akesu Prefecture with 26 animals died. The third outbreak was also in sheep farm in Yulala & Shangkumuli Village of Keping, Akesu Prefecture with 44 animals died and 448 culled. [read more](#)

Indonesia: Suspected bird flu in East Java

Poultry farmers in Situbondo, East Java, restless birds died suddenly following a number of suspected bird flu virus. Suspected bird flu this time attacking the livestock of Imam Gunawan, Hamlet Sagarang RT 03 RW 02, Blimbing, District Besuki. Hundreds of birds died suddenly. Every day there are about 20 to 30 ducks died suddenly with signs of bird flu. Before dying, the birds circled with blue eyes (Google translation). [read more](#)

Indonesia: A man died from rabies in Bali

A 37-year-old builder in Singaraja, North Bali, died on Friday, January 3, 2014, from rabies linked to a bite he suffered on December 17, 2013. The deceased is Nengah Suastika who works as a farmer and builder died at Buleleng General Hospital. The man's brother-in-law, Wayan Sumba, told Nusa Balithat the dog bite came from a 3-month-old dog that Suastika played with at a construction site that resulted in a bite to the man's thumb. The man thought nothing of the wound, continued his work and never sought anti-rabies vaccine. [read more](#)

Malaysia: Teenage boy died of leptospirosis in Selangor

A teenage boy was believed to have died of leptospirosis on Dec 25 after visiting the Sungai Kedondong Recreational Centre in Hulu Selangor on Dec 14 and 15. The victim's five other friends, who were also suspected to have contracted the disease, have been treated at Hospital Tengku Ampuan Jemaah, Sabak Bernam, and are currently healthy. Selangor Health Department director Dr Azman Abu Bakar said the department had issued an order to close the centre on Dec 26 as a prevention and control measure. [read more](#)