

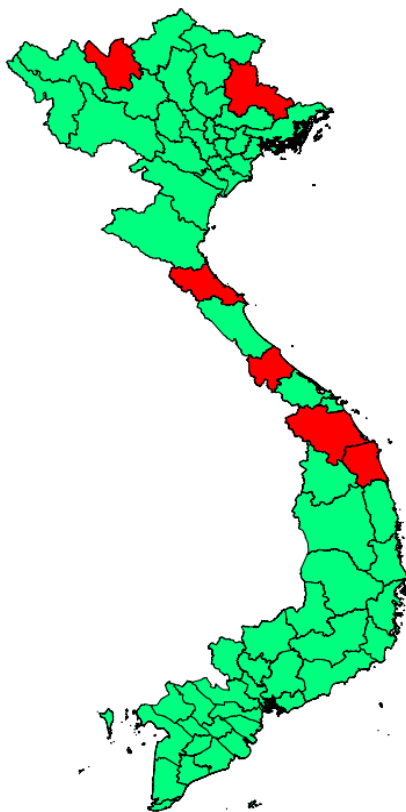
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FAO warns over latest strain of avian influenza in Southeast Asia

A recently-emerged strain of avian influenza virus in poultry in Southeast Asia known as A(H5N6) represents a new threat to animal health and livelihoods and must be closely monitored, FAO said today. Chinese authorities first reported the influenza A(H5N6) virus in poultry in April 2014. Since then, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam have also detected the H5N6 virus in poultry. [read more](#)

To date, there were 7 outbreaks of H5N6 reported from 6 provinces (highlighted red) in Viet Nam including Ha Tinh, Lang Son, Lao Cai, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai and Quang Tri.



Australia: Rabies-like lyssavirus resurfaces in the Northern Territory after 17 years

The deadly rabies-like lyssavirus has resurfaced in the Northern Territory after 17 years, prompting the authorities to warn residents to avoid contact with bats. A Katherine resident brought in a bat that subsequently tested positive, Centre for Disease Control acting director Dr Peter Markey told 105.7 ABC Darwin. He said the person who found the bat had not been exposed to the virus. "There is a certain proportion of bats that are infected with the virus," he said. "We send off any bat people happen to send in, usually between 6 and 12 bats a year." "This is the first one that has been detected positive since 1997. [read more](#)

China: Thousands of wild birds died in Inner Mongolia

Abnormal mortality in wild birds raised concern. Local herders assumed that the reason of death of wild birds is water contamination. The council Wildlife department in conjunction with veterinary staff quickly go to the scene to investigate and report to the higher authorities. The team found more than 300 dead birds, 200 dead birds at Kui sub-nur only, they were mainly red duck, black-winged stilt and anti-billed Sandpiper. The national terrestrial wildlife disease foci Monitoring Center and Beijing Cheng-Min Wang, Chinese Academy of animal experts visited to Wushenzhao Chahan nur where death of wild birds occurred and 40 specimens were collected. The test result revealed that the cause of death was multiple killing, wild birds had acute infection caused by *Pasteurella multocida*, commonly known as fowl cholera. [read more](#)

India: Rare case of endocarditis leptospirosis

A 14-year-old boy suffering from a rare case of leptospiral endocarditis was cured at a hospital in Coimbatore. It took more than 10 days for doctors at K G Hospital to diagnose the boy's conditions since he had not presented the usual symptoms of leptospirosis which is usually headache, muscle pain, fever or turn yellow in colour. The boy had suffered a paralytic stroke two weeks ago. He was paralysed on one half of the body, and he could not speak. CT and MRI scans revealed that his brain tissues had begun to die due to lack of adequate blood and eventually oxygen supply to the brain. [read more](#)

India: Suspected chikungunya cases in Tamil Nadu

A village in Thuraiyur block, where some people were suspected to have contracted chikungunya, is completely under the control of medical teams. Health officials said after seven men developed high temperature with unbearable joint pain, they collected blood samples. They later ascertained it to be chikungunya. The people of Maaradi village were infected with fever on Friday, following which medical teams rushed to the spot and conducted camps in which around 31 people were diagnosed with viral fever. [read more](#)

India: Dog bite cases on the rise in Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore, Karnataka

1,076 cases of dog bites treated since January 11; 5 rabies deaths. In the wake of an incident, where a rabid dog bit and injured 18 persons at Nanjangud taluk of the district, data shows that the number of dog bite cases are on a rise. As an indication of the same, dog bite cases treated at Epidemic Diseases Hospital (ED Hospital) in the city has outnumbered the cases of gastroenteritis, which used to be the most common form of disease referred to the hospital, earlier. [read more](#)

Indonesia: Thousands of chickens died off in different places

Bengkulu

- South Kaur, Erratic weather conditions plagued the county currently impacts on resident chickens. In South Kaur, last week hundreds of poultry and chicken died suddenly. These cases occurred in almost all the villages in this area. Sudden deaths in chickens and poultry were very troubling citizens. Because chicken is so stricken with illness, shortly. Chickens are immediately thrown away or burned, so that they cannot attack other chickens. [read more](#)

Central Java

- Kebumen, Hundreds of chickens in a number of villages in Kebumen died stricken with the disease. Farmers suspect the disease caused a decrease endurance in chicken body by cold air in the dry season since the beginning of September 2014. It's been since this past week many chickens in the village fell ill. The sign observed on combs bluish-colored. The chicken was lethargy and was seen nodding off in the morning. Healthy chicken is usually lively and eager in search for food, said Pardi, village chicken breeder of Buluspesantren, Kebumen. [read more](#)
- Boyolali, Thousands of chickens at a farm in the District of Terrace, Boyolali Regency died due to contract the disease coli. A number of ranchers suspect weather anomaly became the cause of a disease which affected vulnerable chickens are marked with condition that limp cock. One of the chicken breeders, Lilik Saputra, 30, said the disease has become the scourge of coli for chicken breeders since last month in the terrace. Within a day, from about 3,000 to 5,000 heads in a cage there are at least more than 50 chickens that died. [read more](#)

North Sumatra

- Simalungun, Hundreds of chickens died in Hamlet III and IV, Nagori Baja Dolok, Tanah Jawa Subdistrict. Many hen have died suddenly since last month. The death of the chickens were attack by a virus, but the name of the virus is not known. [read more](#)

Pakistan: Suspected 4 CCHF cases in Chakwal, Punjab

One of the three teaching hospitals in town, Holy Family Hospital, registered as many as four suspects of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) within last 10 days of which one female has been confirmed positive for the disease. The registration of four suspects and confirmation of a patient has strengthened doubts that the population in the region may face a possible spike of CCHF ahead of Eidul Azha when sacrificial animals are being brought to town in bulk. All patients are residents of Tehsil Talagang in Chakwal District and have history of animal handling. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Reported two additional H5N6 outbreaks

The Department of Animal Health, Viet Nam reported two additional outbreaks of H5N6 in backyard poultry to OIE on 20 September 2014. These outbreaks were:

- in Tinh An Dong, Quang Ngai city, Quang Ngai with 300 poultry died and 700 destroyed. [read more](#)
- Phu Quy 3, Tam My Dong, Nui Thanh, Quang Nam with 900 poultry died and 2,100 destroyed. According to local media the affected species in this province was ducks. [read more](#)