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### **China: Pustule covered and deformed: Villagers struck by vile mysterious disease**

It has left health experts baffled as villagers complain of their hands and feet slowly twisting out of shape. It has affected mostly men, but all are suffering as the bones in their limbs slowly deform and in many cases painful pustules are also appearing on their skin. Medics are now desperately trying to help villagers in Yalong township, on the outskirts of the city of Hechi in southern China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Health care worker Doctor Li Wu, 41, said: "In many cases this doesn't only just look bad, it also significantly affects the person's ability to work. [read more](#)

### **China: Confirmed JE case in a human in Taiwan**

On November 4, 2014, the Taiwan Centers for Disease Control (Taiwan CDC) announced one new case of Japanese encephalitis in an 80-year-old female who resides in southern Taiwan. On October 10, when she subsequently developed fever, change in consciousness and general fatigue, she was hospitalized for treatment. On October 24, after being reported to the health authority, Japanese encephalitis infection was confirmed in the case by Taiwan CDC. According to the epidemiological investigation, the case had not recently traveled overseas, there are no pig farms or rice paddy fields around the case's residence, and none of the family members who reside in the same household with the case have developed any suspected symptoms. To prevent the further spread of the disease, the local health authorities has reinforced health education among residents who live near the confirmed cases and urged routine vaccination of age-appropriate children. [read more](#)

### **India: Suspected rabies in a lioness in Gujarat**

The sub-adult lioness that attacked five people in Amreli last Saturday died during treatment at Sasan rescue centre. The lioness died of suspect rabies. It is after a long time that a lion death by rabies has been reported. On Saturday, this lioness of about two years had attacked five people in Kachivada area of Amreli. The lioness was believed to have strayed away from its group and entered the village. [read more](#)

### **India: Working population most at risk of dog bites**

A majority of Amdavadis get bitten by dogs while returning home from work - most of them below the knee. Stray dogs seem to be less aggressive towards women as is evident from men outnumbering members of the fair sex among dog-bite victims. Strangely, instead of consulting a physician, many Amdavadis use chilli and snuff powder as first aid for bite injuries. Worst of all, a majority of Amdavadis skip the crucial anti-rabies vaccine doses on Sundays thinking that government referral hospitals in the city would be closed. [read more](#)

### **Indonesia: Suspected bird flu in South Lampung**

Technical Implementation Unit (UPT) Livestock Service Office District of Sragi, South Lampung, ensuring hundreds of birds breeds of chickens died suddenly in the village Margajasa and Sukapura, no indications of bird flu or Avian Influence (AI). This is expressed, field officers who accompanied the Head of Unit Wartono local Animal Husbandry Department Yoyo Arisarata, when contacted through via phone on Friday (7/11). According to him, dozens of chickens died suddenly due to the dry into the wet season transition (transition, ed). [read more](#)

### **Indonesia: Suspected bird flu in Sleman, Yogyakarta**

A number of chickens owned by residents in Pondok Hamlet, Selomartani Village, Kalasan, Sleman died suddenly on Wednesday (11/05/2015). Although the amount of the loss is not too much but residents fear there is a virus that can spread to humans. The events of chickens died suddenly in Hamlet cottage is not the first case. Similar events also occurred earlier in January 2014 resulted in at least 40 diseases chickens owned by residents named Boimin, 59, and Kasno, 60, who lives in RT 05 RW 02, also died suddenly with blue neck. [read more](#)

### **Korea, Republic of: Ducks culled at Gimje Farm suspected of AI infection**

Authorities have ordered the cull of all ducks at a farm in Gimje, North Jeolla province where a case of bird flu is suspected. The provincial government said an investigation is underway to confirm the virus after suspicions were reported yesterday, but officials began culling all 12,000 ducks at the farm this morning, saying it was highly likely that the farm was contaminated with the highly pathogenic strain of AI. They added that they are taking the action as well as strengthening other quarantine efforts to prevent the virus from possibly spreading to the 360,000 poultry animals being farmed within the high-risk 3-kilometer radius from the suspected site. [read more](#)