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China: Confirmed 11 H7N9 human cases

There were a total of 11 confirmed H7N9 human were reported from:

- Guangdong
 - A 61 years old man living in Nansha District, Guangzhou City was diagnosed with H7N9 on 11 February, and died on the following day.
 - A 60 years old man living Shantou area is current in critical condition and treated in the hospital. [read more](#)
 - A 51 years old man living in Panyu District, Guangzhou City is currently in critical condition and in hospital in Guangzhou.
 - A 58 years old woman residing in Luohu District, Shenzhen is currently in critical condition, and treated in Shenzhen hospital.
 - A 82 years old man living Raoping Chaozhou was diagnosed for H7N9 on February 12 and died on the same day.
 - A 61 years old man living in Xiangqiao, Chaozhou is currently in critical condition, and admitted to inpatient hospitals. Province, the provincial health authorities said on Wednesday. [read more](#)
 - A 45 years old man living Meijiang District, Meizhou City is currently in critical condition, and admitted to inpatient hospitals. [read more](#)
 - A 33 years old pregnant woman lives in Panyu District, Guangzhou City, was diagnosed as H7N9 case on 16 February, and is currently in critical condition, in designated hospital in Guangzhou City. [read more](#)
- Guizhou
 - H7N9 bird flu strain has been found in an individual in southwest China's Guizhou Province, the provincial health authorities said on Wednesday. [read more](#)
- Shanghai
 - A 53-years-old man is the fourth confirmed case of H7N9 reported this winter in Shanghai. His is now in critical condition and is receiving treatment now, the commission said. [read more](#)

China: Reported 83 H7N9 human cases since 20 December 2014

The National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) of China notified WHO of 83 additional laboratory-confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus. Onset dates ranged from 20 December 2014 to 27 January 2015. Cases ranged in age from 1 to 88 years with a median age of 56 years. Of the 83 cases, there were 19 deaths reported, ranged in age from 7 to 78 years with a mean age of 50 years. 60 of these 83 cases were male. The majority (78 cases, 93%) reported exposure to live poultry or live poultry markets; the exposure history of 4 cases is unknown. Three family clusters were reported, each comprised of 2 cases; all had exposure to live poultry or live poultry markets. Cases

were reported from 8 provinces: Fujian (30), Guangdong (30), Jiangsu (7), Jiangxi (1), Shandong (1), Shanghai (2), Xinjiang (1), and Zhejiang (11). [read more](#)

China: Zhejiang reported 21 H7N9 human cases

East China's Zhejiang Province has reported 21 human cases of H7N9 avian influenza infection this winter, health authorities said Tuesday. Of the infected, three died, seven recovered and 11 are still receiving treatment, said Xie Guojian, an official with the Zhejiang Provincial Commission of Health and Family Planning. None of the cases were reported in urban areas after the province closed all live poultry markets in urban regions in the province, one of the reasons for the smaller number of infections this winter, Xie said. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed 102 additional H5N2 outbreaks in poultry in Taiwan

Abnormal mortalities were observed in 70 poultry farms and 2 abattoirs in Taoyuan City, Taichung City, Changhua County, Yunlin County, Chiayi County, Tainan City, Kaohsiung City and Pingtung County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (AHRI) for diagnosis. H5N2 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. These farms have been put under movement restrictions. [read more](#)

Abnormal mortalities were also observed in 29 poultry farms in Changhua County, Yunlin County, Chiayi County, Tainan City and Pingtung County. One dead wild bird (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) was found in Taitung County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (AHRI) for diagnosis. H5N2 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. These farms have been put under movement restrictions. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed 40 additional H5N8 outbreaks in Taiwan

Abnormal mortalities were observed in 34 poultry farms and 1 abattoir in Miaoli County, Nantou County, Yunlin County, Chiayi County, Tainan City, Kaohsiung City and Pingtung County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (Animal Health Research Institute [AHRI]) for diagnosis. H5N8 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. Among 34 poultry farms, H5N2 subtype HPAI virus was also detected on 3 farms. These farms have been put under movement restrictions. [read more](#)

Abnormal mortalities were also observed in 5 poultry farms in Yunlin County, Chiayi County and Tainan City. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (Animal Health Research Institute [AHRI]) for diagnosis. H5N8 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. These farms have been put under movement restrictions. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed another outbreak of H5N3 in Taiwan

Three dead wild birds (*Pycnonotus sinensis*) were found in Miaoli County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (AHRI) for diagnosis. H5N3 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. Thorough cleaning and disinfection have been conducted at the place. Surrounding poultry farms within 3 km radius of the place are under intensified surveillance. [read more](#)

Republic of Korea: More FMD case reported

Quarantine officials confirmed a fresh case of foot-and-mouth disease in the country's central region on Tuesday, adding to fears of the viral disease spreading across the country. Dozens of pigs at a farm in Danyang, North Chungcheong, tested positive for the viral illness, a day after they showed symptoms, officials said. Quarantine authorities restricted access to the farm and enhanced the disinfection measures. Some 4,600 pigs were being raised on the farm,

according to officials at the local government. The concerned animals were immediately culled, they added. [read more](#)

Mongolia: Confirmed an outbreak of sheep pox and goat pox in Dornod

The Veterinary and Animal Breeding Agency reported an outbreak of sheep pox and goat pox at a sheep farm in Gashuunii gol, Second bag, Matad soum, Dornod to OIE on 16 February 2015 with a total of 16 infected sheep destroyed. [read more](#)

Pakistan: Mass dogs culled in Karachi

The Pakistani city of Karachi had seen an increase in the number of stray dogs on the streets and decided to do something about it. A mass dog culling was ordered and dozens of stray dogs were killed by city workers. The dead dogs were laid in rows in the hot sun and then their bodies were dumped in a garbage pile. According to the Daily Mail, authorities in Karachi, Pakistan, became concerned as the number of stray dogs steadily increased. Therefore, city workers were ordered to round up the strays and kill them in a mass culling across the city. The dead dogs were then lined up in rows in the streets before their bodies were thrown into trucks and dumped into a garbage pile. [read more](#)

Philippines: Confirmed MERS-CoV

A 31-year-old female, who worked as a healthcare professional in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, developed symptoms on 26 January, while still working at the hospital. The patient was managed as a case of hypersensitivity reaction. On 1 February, she flew with a family member to Manila, Philippines, where they stayed at their home. On 2 February, the patient sought medical care at a local private hospital, where she was admitted. The patient was diagnosed with acute bronchitis. Following laboratory confirmation of MERS-CoV infection, on 10 February, the patient was transferred to the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), where she remains in isolation room. Currently, the patient is afebrile and remains stable. [read more](#)