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**China: Confirmed one new H7N9 human case in Shanghai**

Shanghai Health and Family Planning Commission on June 10 reported one case of infection of H7N9 virus confirmed cases. Patient, Cai, 61 years old male, the city residence was confirmed on June 10, it is now in active treatment. [read more](#)

**China: Reported 15 H7N9 human cases in May 2015**

The China National Health and Family Planning reported 15 H7N9 human cases for May 2015 in its National Notifiable Infectious Diseases Overview in the country excluded Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. However, no information related to each case available. [read more](#)

**China: Suspected 4 MERS cases at health centers in Hong Kong**

Hong Kong was on Wednesday night waiting for the test results of four suspected cases of Middle East respiratory syndrome (Mers) picked up at the city's health centres, marking the first time the wider community may have been exposed to the deadly virus. All four fell ill after visiting South Korea, where an outbreak has killed nine people and infected 108. Until now, all of the suspected Mers cases in Hong Kong were intercepted during temperature checks at the airport. [read more](#)

**China: Confirmed FMD outbreak in Taiwan**

Non-structural protein (NSP) antibody reaction was detected on 18 May 2015 in one bovine serum sample taken from a bovine animal kept within the movement control surveillance zone established surrounding the previous outbreak farm, which was first confirmed on 8 May 2015, in the process of intensified serological surveillance. After the second NSP positive test result obtained on 1 June 2015, the specimens were subsequently sent to the Pirbright Institute, an OIE FMD reference laboratory, for testing and found positive in serum neutralization test and liquid-phase blocking ELISA on 8 June 2015. [read more](#)

**China: Confirmed 3 new outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in Taiwan**

Abnormal mortalities were observed in 3 poultry farms in Yunlin 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 restriction. All animals on the infected farms have been culled. Thorough cleaning and disinfection have been conducted after stamping out operation. [read more](#)

**India: Anthrax scare now alarming in Simdega**

An anthrax alert has been sounded in Simdega following six people exhibiting its symptoms

today, a death last week and two more last month that Ranchi experts confirmed were due to the fatal cattle disease, triggering mega training for grassroots health workers. Half a dozen people, with anthrax symptoms in Kondigi village of Thethaitangar block in Simdega, were admitted to the block health centre today. Kondigi is barely 25km away from Basartoli village in Thethaitangar where one Emil Dungdung died last week. Two more persons died in nearby Kalebira block in May. [read more](#)

### **Korea, Republic of: Confirmed 150 MERS cases in people with 15 deaths**

According to WHO report, as of 15 June 2015, the Republic of Korea has reported 150 laboratory-confirmed cases and 15 deaths. [read more](#)

However, the Yonhap News Agency reported 154 confirmed cases with 19 deaths. [read more](#)  
The outbreak, which started with the introduction of MERS-CoV infection into the country by a single infected traveler, was amplified by infection in hospitals and movement of cases within and among hospitals. The number of new cases occurring each day, which is the most accurate picture of whether the outbreak is slowing down, appears to be declining.