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### **China: Reported an imported MERS case in Guangdong**

A man from the Republic of Korea (ROK) has tested positive for the deadly Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) in south China's Guangdong Province, health authorities confirmed on Friday. The man, 44, flew from ROK to Hong Kong on Tuesday and entered Huizhou City via Shenzhen, according to the National Health and Family Planning Commission. He had close contact with MERS patients at home and expressed discomfort as early as May 21. [read more](#)

### **China: Confirmed 4 new HPAI H5N2 in Taiwan**

Abnormal mortalities were observed in 3 poultry farms in Yunlin County and Changhua County, and in one abattoir in Nantou County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (AHRI) for diagnosis. H5N2 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. These farms and abattoir have been put under movement restriction. All animals on the infected farms and abattoir have been culled. [read more](#)

### **China: Confirmed 1 new HPAI H5N8 in Taiwan**

Abnormal mortalities were observed in one poultry farm in Changhua County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (Animal Health Research Institute [AHRI]) for diagnosis. H5N8 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. This farm have been put under movement restrictions. All animals on the infected farm have been culled. [read more](#)

### **India: Anthrax scare near Hasanur**

Even as the carcass of a 20-year-old male elephant that died of anthrax at Neerodai near Hasanur in the Sathyamangalam forest has been safely disposed, the Animal Husbandry Department is vaccinating cattle in the eight km radius as a precaution. This is the second incident of elephant death due to anthrax. Last December, an adult elephant had died due to anthrax in Bhavani Sagar range. [read more](#)

### **India: Man dies of rabies in Koraput**

A team of doctors from Koraput visited Badapada village under Lamataput block on Saturday after one villager died of Anthrax on Friday. The deceased is Subhas Tisha. Three others have been affected. The villagers had consumed partially cooked beef on Wednesday after which, four persons were taken ill. Doctors found Anthrax spores on them and on Friday night, Tisha succumbed. Those affected were admitted to the Koraput Hospital on Saturday and their condition is stated to be stable. The medical team would camp in the village for the next few days till the situation improves. [read more](#)

### **Korea, Republic of: Total MERS cases surge to 25, 2 deaths**

Thirteen more people have been infected with MERS-CoV in South Korea, all them with hospital links to the country's first case, lifting the number of cases in the cluster to 25, according to official and media reports. Two of the patients have died, including one previously reported. The cluster is the largest so far outside of Saudi Arabia, where infection control lapses and unrecognized infections have played a role in fueling MERS-CoV (Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus) outbreaks in hospital settings. [read more](#)

### **Pakistan: Brain eating amoeba claims fifth life in a month**

A man died of naegleria fowleri, bringing the death toll from the brain-eating amoeba to five in last month. Meanwhile, a boy died in Dengue Prevention and Control Programme officials say is the first dengue fever death of the year. Sufiyan, a 25-year-old resident of Manzoor Colony, died of naegleria fowleri after being admitted to Civil Hospital, Karachi, last week. Five people have lost their lives to deadly brain-eating amoeba in a month. [read more](#)

### **Pakistan: Reported a CCHF case in Mansehra**

A 45 year old man from the village Beyali, Mansehra, an animal trader, became ill with fever and loose motions [bowels?] on 8 May 2015. He was treated by local doctors in the village. On 14 May [2015], he was in a serious condition with bleeding from his nose and gums and was shifted to the district headquarters hospital Mansehra, then to Ayub teaching hospital Abbottabad, where he was admitted to a medical ward. On the same day, he was shifted to the combined military hospital Abbottabad. On 17 May 2015, he was shifted to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences Islamabad for further treatment, where he was kept in ICU. A sample for Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever [CCHF] serology was sent on [20?] May 2015. He expired on 21 May 2015. [read more](#)