

Reporting period: 9 to 15 March 2008 (Week 11)

Weekly highlights

Human cases of avian influenza infection

- On 11 March 2008, WHO reported that the Ministry of Health and Population of Egypt announced a new human case of avian influenza A(H5N1) virus infection. The case is an 8-year-old male from Etsa District, Fayum Governorate. He was hospitalized with symptoms on 3 March. He is receiving treatment and is in a stable condition. Investigations into the source of his infection indicate a history of contact with sick and dead poultry.

Animal cases of avian influenza infection

- Pakistan and Vietnam reported outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry. Vietnam reported an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza in palm civets in a National Park. **(OIE)**

Places with human H5N1 infection and avian influenza in birds

Country	Human H5N1 infection*				Avian influenza in birds**				
	No. of case(s) during the reporting period	Date of last reported case(s)	Place(s) of last reported case(s)	Cumulative no. of cases Since Jan 2004 (No. of deaths)	No. of outbreak(s) during the reporting period (Subtype)	Date of last reported case(s)	Place(s)	Total no. affected (Destroyed)	Type of birds affected
Azerbaijan	0	11/04/06	Salyan	8 (5)	0 (H5N1)	23/03/06	Agdam	1(1)	Wild bird
Cambodia	0	10/04/07	Kampong Cham	7 (7)	0 (H5N1)	12/04/07	Cham	302 (784)	Poultry
China	0	26/02/08	Guangdong	30 (20)	0 (H5N1)	25/02/08	Guizhou	3993 (234371)	Poultry
Djibouti	0	12/05/06	Arta	1 (0)	0 (H5N1)	27/05/06	Djibouti City	4 (18)	Poultry
Egypt	1	11/03/08	Fayum	47 (20)	0 (H5N1)	04/02/08	Dumyat, Al Minufiyah, etc	2694 (18184)	Poultry
Indonesia	0	21/02/08	Central Java, Jakarta	129 (105)	0 (H5N1)	25/09/06	Central Sulawesi	22 (756)	Poultry
Iraq	0	01/03/06	Sulaimaniyah	3 (2)	0 (H5N1)	07/02/06	Missan	980 (978)	Poultry
Laos	0	16/03/07	Vientiane	2 (2)	0 (H5N1)	13/02/08	Luangnamtha	765 (- -)	Poultry
Myanmar	0	14/12/07	Shan State	1 (0)	0 (H5N1)	29/12/07	Shan State	13 (1,043)	Poultry
Nigeria	0	03/02/07	Lagos	1 (1)	0 (H5N1)	15/02/06	Anambra	179 (821)	Poultry
Pakistan	0	27/12/07	Peshawar	1 (1)	1 (H5N1)	10/03/08	Northwest Frontier	350 (2500)	Poultry
Thailand	0	07/08/06	Nong Bua Lam Phu Province	25 (17)	0 (H5)	25/01/08	Nakhon Sawan, Phichit	4105 (55625)	Poultry
Turkey	0	07/01/06	Agri	12 (4)	0 (H5N1)	26/02/08	Sinop	13 (117)	Poultry
Vietnam[#]	0	26/02/08	Phu Tho	105 (51)	13 (H5N1)	12/03/08	Tuyen Quang, Quang Tri, Ninh Binh, Ha Noi City, Vinh Long, Ha Nam	4378 (4839)	Poultry

[#] OIE reported on 12/03/08 detection of H5N1 in palm civets in Cuc Phuong National Park, Ninh Binh province.

Source: *WHO, **OIE

Places with avian influenza in birds only**

Country/ Place	No. of outbreak(s) during the reporting period (Subtype)	Date of last reported case(s)	Place(s)	Total no. affected (Destroyed)	Type of birds affected
Germany	0 (H5N1)	18/02/08	Thuringen, Sachsen-Anhalt	48 (0)	Wild birds
Saudi Arabia	0 (H5N1)	17/02/08	Ar Riyad	-- (4,955,226)	Poultry

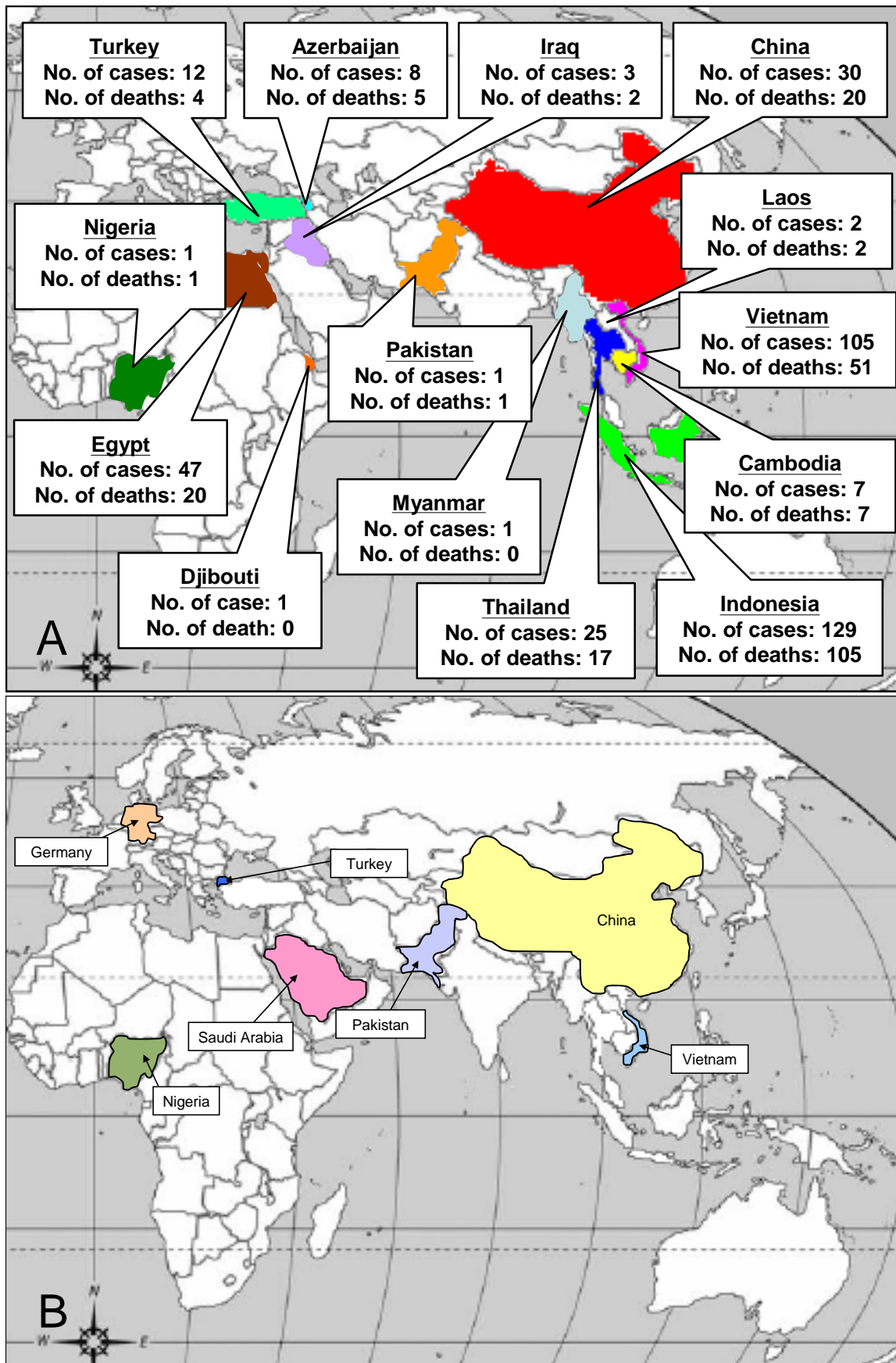
Note : For those countries/places with outbreaks in birds only (i.e. the table above), countries/places will be removed from the list if no outbreak in birds has been reported for 4 weeks.

Source : **OIE

Confirmed human avian influenza cases other than H5N1 since 2007

(as of 15 March 2008)

Subtype	Country / Region	Date of report	Source of report	Gender / Age	Presentation	Condition
H7N2	United Kingdom	26 May 07	WHO, Regional Office for Europe	4 persons (gender/age unspecified)	Conjunctivitis and flu-like illness	N/A
H9N2	Hong Kong	20 Mar 07	Department of Health	F/9 months	Upper respiratory symptoms	Recovered



(A) Human infection of avian influenza (H5N1) since Jan 2004 (as of 15 March 2008) and (B) Avian influenza in birds reported from 15 February to 15 March 2008.

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