

Reporting period: 17 to 23 May 2009 (Week 21)

Summary

1. The five latest cases of avian influenza H5N1 in humans occurred in Egypt (confirmed by WHO on May 22).
2. In the past few years, about 100 cases of human AI infection were confirmed by the WHO annually, except 2008 where there were only 44 cases confirmed.
3. Cases occurred in the Western Pacific, South-East Asia and Eastern Mediterranean WHO regions. More cases were reported around January to March each year.

This week's update

(as of 23 May 2009)		Confirmed human cases (deaths)	Wild birds/ poultry reports
		Source: WHO	Source: OIE
This week	Hong Kong	0 (0)	0
	Outside HK	5 (1)	2
	Affected countries	Egypt	China, Vietnam
	Details	<p>Egypt: Five cases of human H5N1 infection were confirmed. (May 22, WHO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first case is a 4 year-old boy from Sharkia Governorate. He was in stable condition. • The second case is a 3 year-old boy from Gharbia Governorate. He is in stable condition. • The third case is a 4 year-old girl from Meet Dakahlia Governorate and died on May 18. • The fourth case is a 4 year-old boy from Dakahlia Governorate. He is in stable condition. • The fifth case is a 3 year-old boy from Sohag Governorate. He is in stable condition. <p>All of them had close contact with sick/dead poultry.</p>	<p>China: Wild birds were affected by H5N1 in Qinghai province. (May 17, OIE)</p> <p>Vietnam: Poultry in local farms of Quang Ngai, Thanh Hoa, Dong Thap and Vinh Long province were affected by H5N1. (May 21, OIE)</p>
Cumulative since Nov. 2003	Hong Kong	0	2009: 16 dead birds confirmed H5N1 positive ⁰
	Outside HK	429 (262)	
	Affected countries	15 *	62 [#]
<p>⁰ For further information, please visit the web site of AFCD : (http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_vetlab/qua_vetlab_nldr/h5n1_health_advice.html)</p> <p>* The 15 affected countries included Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, 17 provinces in China (<i>Anhui, Beijing, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Liaoning, Shandong, Shanghai, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Zhejiang</i>), Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Laos, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam.</p> <p>[#] Details of the OIE reported cases in poultry/wild birds: http://www.oie.int/eng/info_ev/en_AI_factoids_2.htm</p> <p>[^] Source: The Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department, Hong Kong (AFCD)</p>			

Table 1.

WHO confirmed human cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) since 2003 by onset date of the cases (as of 23 May 2009) §

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Overall
Cases	4	46	98	115	88	44	34	429
Deaths	4	32	43	79	59	33	12	262
Case Fatality Rate (CFR)	100.0%	69.6%	43.9%	68.7%	67.0%	75%	35.3%	61.1%

§ Further breakdown by countries is available at the government website "Prevention of Avian Influenza" (<http://www.info.gov.hk/info/flu/eng/global.htm>)

Table 2.

Countries/areas affected by avian influenza (H5N1) in the past 6 months (as of 23 May 2009)

WHO Region	Date of last report by WHO / OIE	Countries	In the past 6 months, H5N1 has affected
\Western Pacific	2009-05-21	Vietnam	Human, Poultry
	2009-05-17	China (Qinghai)	Wild bird
	2009-05-02 [#]	China (Hong Kong SAR)	Poultry, Wild bird
	2009-04-19	China (Tibet)	Poultry
	2009-02-26	Laos	Poultry
	2009-02-10	China (Xinjiang)	Human, Poultry
	2009-02-02	China (Hunan)	Human
	2009-01-27	China (Guangxi)	Human
	2009-01-27	China (Guizhou)	Human
	2009-01-19	China (Shandong)	Human
	2009-01-19 [^]	China (Shanxi)	Human
	2009-01-07	China (Beijing)	Human
	2008-12-25	Cambodia	Human, Poultry
	2008-12-19	China (Jiangsu)	Poultry
South-East Asia	2009-04-13	Bangladesh	Poultry
	2009-03-30	India	Poultry
	2009-02-20	Nepal	Poultry
	2009-01-22	Indonesia	Human, Poultry
	2008-11-17	Thailand	Poultry
Eastern Mediterranean	2009-05-22	Egypt	Human
Europe	2009-03-10	Germany	Poultry, Wild bird
Africa	--	--	--
The Americas	--	--	--

[^] This case developed symptoms in Hunan province and was brought to Shanxi province for medical treatment.

[#] A pigeon found in Tuen Mun was confirmed H5N1 positive. Source: The Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department, Hong Kong.

Table 3.

WHO confirmed human cases of H5N1 since 2003 (as of 23 May 2009)

Country	Cumulative no. of cases (December 2003 to May 2009)	No. of recent cases (February to May 2009)
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	1	0

Cambodia	8	0
China	38	1
Djibouti	1	0
Egypt	74	21
Indonesia	141	0
Iraq	3	0
Laos	2	0
Myanmar	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	3	0
Thailand	25	0
Turkey	12	0
Vietnam	111	4
Overall	429	26

Table 4.

Details of the recent WHO confirmed human cases of H5N1 (Feb to May 09)
(as of 23 May 2009)

Date of report by WHO	Country	District	Province	Sex	Age	Outcome
22/05/09	Egypt	Kafr Sakr	Sharkia	M	4	Alive
22/05/09	Egypt	Mahalla	Gharbia	M	3	Alive
22/05/09	Egypt	Meet Ghamr	Dakahlia	F	4	Fatal
22/05/09	Egypt	Sherbin	Dakahlia	M	4	Alive
22/05/09	Egypt	Sohag	Sohag	M	3	Alive
15/05/09	Egypt	Tama	Sohag	F	5	Alive
06/05/09	Vietnam	Quan Hoa	Thanh Hoa	F	23	Fatal
06/05/09	Egypt	Tanta	Gharbia	F	34	Alive
23/04/09	Egypt	Akhmim	Sohag	M	4	Alive
21/04/09	Egypt	Kellin	Kafr Elsheikh	F	1	Alive
21/04/09	Egypt	El Marg	Cairo	F	25	Fatal
17/04/09	Egypt	Kellin	Kfr El Sheikh	F	33	Fatal
08/04/09	Vietnam	Chau Thanh	Dong Thap	M	3	Fatal
08/04/09	Egypt	Shubra El Khema	Qaliobia	M	6	Fatal
08/04/09	Egypt	Kom Hamada	El Behira	M	2	Alive
08/04/09	Egypt	Kom Hamada	El Behira	M	2	Alive
30/03/09	Egypt	Qena	Qena	F	2	Alive
23/03/09	Egypt	Elfath	Assiut	F	38	Alive
11/03/09	Egypt	Menofia	Menofia	F	1	Alive
10/03/09	Egypt	Amaria	Alexandria	M	2	Alive
02/03/09	Egypt	Yousef el seddik	Fayoum	M	2	Alive
18/02/09	Vietnam	Kim Son	Ninh Binh	M	32	Fatal
11/02/09	Vietnam	Dam Ha	Quang Ninh	F	23	Fatal
09/02/09	Egypt	Maghagha	Menia	M	1	Alive
05/02/09	Egypt	Ganain	Suez	M	2	Alive
02/02/09	China	Xupu	Hunan	F	21	Alive

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^o Sources: World Health Organization (WHO); World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)