

Summary

1. The latest cases of avian influenza H5N1 in humans occurred in **Egypt** and **Vietnam** (confirmed by the World Health Organization on 4 March 2010).
2. In the past few years, about 100 cases of avian influenza H5N1 in humans were confirmed by the WHO annually, except 2008 where there were only 44 cases. In 2009, a total of 72 cases were confirmed.

This week's update

(as of 6 Mar 2010)		Confirmed human cases (deaths)	Wild birds/ poultry reports
		Source: WHO	Source: OIE
This week	Hong Kong	0 (0)	0
	Outside HK	8 (1)	1
	Affected countries	Egypt, Vietnam	Bhutan
	Details	<p>Egypt: Five cases of human H5N1 avian influenza were confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first is a 53-year-old man from Qaliobia Governorate. He is in a critical condition. • The second is a 1-year-old boy from Qaliobia Governorate. He is in a stable condition. • The third is a 10-year-old boy from Dakalia Governorate. He is in a moderate condition. • The fourth is a 30-year-old women from Kafr El-Sheik Governorate. She is in a stable condition. • The fifth is a 13-year-old boy from Kafr El-Sheik Governorate. He is in a stable condition. <p>All had close contact with sick/dead poultry. (4 Mar 2010, WHO)</p> <p>Vietnam: Three cases of human H5N1 avian influenza were confirmed. (4 Mar 2010, WHO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first is a 3-year-old girl from Khanh Hoa Province. She is recovering well. • The second is a 38-year-old woman from Tien Giang Province. She has passed away. • The first is a 17-year-old girl from Tuyen Quang Province. She is currently being treated for mild breathing difficulties. <p>All had close contact with sick/dead poultry or raised chickens.</p>	<p>Bhutan: Village poultry in Chhukha was affected by H5N1 avian influenza. (OIE, 2 Mar 2010)</p>

Cumulative since Nov. 2003	Hong Kong	0	2010: 1 dead bird confirmed H5N1 positive. ⁰
	Outside HK	486 (287)	
	Affected countries	15 *	62 [#]

⁰ For further information, please visit the web site of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) : (<http://www.afcd.gov.hk>)

* The 15 affected countries included Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, 17 provinces in China (*Anhui, Beijing, Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Guizhou, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangsu, Jiangxi, Liaoning, Shandong, Shanghai, Shanxi, Sichuan, Xinjiang, Zhejiang*), Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Laos, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Turkey and Vietnam.

[#] Details of the OIE reported cases in poultry/wild birds: http://www.oie.int/eng/info_ev/en_AI_factoids_2.htm

Table 1.

WHO confirmed human cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) since 2003 by onset date of the cases (as of 6 Mar 2010)[§]

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Overall
Cases	4	46	98	115	88	44	73	18	486
Deaths	4	32	43	79	59	33	32	5	287
Case Fatality Rate (CFR)	100%	69.6%	43.9%	68.7%	67.0%	75%	43.8%	27.8%	59.1%

[§] 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 highly pathogenic avian influenza in the past 6 months (as of 6 Mar 2010)

WHO Region	Date of last report by WHO / OIE	Countries	In the past 6 months, H5N1 has affected
Western Pacific	2010-03-04	Vietnam	Human, Poultry
South-East Asia	2010-03-02	Bhutan	Poultry
	2010-02-22	Myanmar	Poultry
	2010-02-12	Indonesia^{&}	Human, Poultry
	2010-02-11	India	Poultry
	2010-02-05	Cambodia	Human, Poultry
	2010-02-05	Nepal	Poultry
	2010-01-31	Bangladesh	Poultry
	2010-01-05	China (Hong Kong SAR)	Wild birds
Eastern Mediterranean	2010-03-04	Egypt^{&}	Human
	2010-01-26	Israel	Poultry
Europe	2009-11-05	Russia	Wild birds
	2009-10-13	Spain	Poultry
Africa	2009-10-16	Cote d'Ivoire	Wild birds
	2009-03-03	Nigeria^{&}	Poultry
The Americas	--	--	--

[&] The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has reported that avian influenza H5N1 is endemic in poultry in these countries.

Table 3.

WHO confirmed human cases of H5N1 since 2003 (as of 6 Mar 2010)

Country	Cumulative no. of cases (December 2003 to March 2010)	No. of recent cases (December 2009 to March 2010)
Azerbaijan	8	0
Bangladesh	1	0
Cambodia	9	1
China	38	0
Djibouti	1	0
Egypt	104	15
Indonesia	163	1
Iraq	3	0
Laos	2	0
Myanmar	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	3	0
Thailand	25	0
Turkey	12	0
Vietnam	115	4
Overall	486	21

Table 4.

Details of the recent WHO confirmed human cases of H5N1 (Dec 2009 to Mar 2010)

(as of 6 Mar 2010)

Date of report by WHO	Country	District	Province	Sex	Age	Outcome
04/03/10	Egypt	Shobra Elkhima	Qaliobia	M	53	Alive
04/03/10	Egypt	Banha	Qaliobia	M	1	Alive
04/03/10	Egypt	Meet Ghamr	Dakalia	M	10	Alive
04/03/10	Egypt	Kellin	Kafr El-Sheik	F	30	Alive
04/03/10	Egypt	Kafr El-Sheik	Kafr El-Sheik	M	13	Alive
04/03/10	Vietnam	Ninh Hoa	Khanh Hoa	F	3	Alive
04/03/10	Vietnam	Cai Be	Tien Giang	F	38	Fatal
04/03/10	Vietnam	Son Duong	Tuyen Quang	F	17	Alive
17/02/10	Egypt	Ashmon	Menofya	M	32	Alive
17/02/10	Egypt	Elsadat	Menofya	F	29	Fatal
12/02/10	Indonesia	South Jakarta	Jakarta	F	25	Fatal
10/02/10	Egypt	Helwan	Helwan	M	37	Fatal
08/02/10	Egypt	Elsadat	Menofya	F	29	Fatal
08/02/10	Egypt	Banha	Qalyubiyah	F	40	Alive
28/01/10	Egypt	Banishwief	Banishwief	F	20	Alive
28/01/10	Egypt	Dakahalya	Dakahalya	M	1	Alive
28/01/10	Egypt	Assuit	Assuit	M	1	Alive
28/01/10	Egypt	Shargea	Shargea	M	45	Alive
21/12/09	Egypt	El Tanta	Gharbia	F	21	Alive
18/12/09	Cambodia	Ponhea Kreak	Kampong Cham	M	57	Alive
11/12/09	Vietnam	Dien Bien Phu	Dien Bien	M	-	Fatal

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