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[1] Cholera - Iran (southern provinces)

Date: 20 Jun 2011

Source: Trend [edited]

<http://en.trend.az/news/society/1894061.html>

Some 13 people have been infected with cholera in Iran, Disease Management Center director Hossein Masoumi Asl was quoted as saying by iribnews.ir. He said the necessary precautions are being taken, and in general, their condition is satisfactory.

He said the infection cases mainly were revealed in the Iranian provinces of Sistan-Baluchistan, Fars, Khuzestan, and Hormuzgan. Doctors took samples from relatives of ill persons, but no infection was found.

The country has been recording cases of cholera infection for nearly 45 years, he said. The number of such cases was 15 in 2010. Asl said cholera has not spread throughout the country.

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[All 4 provinces are located in the southern part of the country. -  
Mod.LL

The interactive HealthMap/ProMED map for Iran is available at

<http://healthmap.org/r/00Hj> - CopyEd.EJP]

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[2] Cholera - Afghanistan (Zabul)

Date: Thu 18 Jun 2011

Source: Channel 6 News Online [edited]

<http://channel6news.com/2011/06/cholera-outbreak-in-southeast-afghanistan-kills-14/>

A sudden outbreak of cholera in south eastern Afghanistan has killed at least 14 people and infected dozens more, local media reported. The Pajhwok Afghan News (PAN) agency reported that the epidemic in southern Zabul province broke out earlier this week, infecting at least 84 people. 14 of them have died, according to deputy governor Mohammad Jan Rasulyar.

Few details about the outbreak in the remote area were immediately available, but a spokesperson for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said it airlifted several locals in relation to the outbreak.

"ISAF did air transport 5 local nationals with dehydration symptoms," the spokesperson said. "It has not been confirmed if they are infected with cholera. The [Ministry of Health] has the lead in this matter."

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[Zabul province is in south eastern Afghanistan bordering upon Pakistan. - Mod.LL

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<http://healthmap.org/r/0c2A> - CopyEd.EJP]

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[3] Cholera, contaminated water - China (Hong Kong SAR)

Date: Fri 19 Jun 2011

Source: The Examiner [edited]

<http://www.examiner.com/infectious-disease-in-national/cholera-found-hong-kong-restaurant-fish-tank>

The Hong Kong Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on Friday 19 Jun 2011 confirmed [the presence of] cholera in a water sample from a fish tank at Queens Road Central restaurant.

The restaurant, Hei Yuet Restaurant, was ordered immediately and temporarily to close for thorough disinfection after Vibrio cholerae\_01 El Tor serotype Ogawa was detected in the restaurant fish tank.

According to health officials, the restaurant will remain closed for thorough cleansing and disinfection of the premises and fish tanks until the director is satisfied with the overall hygiene condition of the premises and that there is no immediate health hazard.

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[This is not the 1st time ProMED-mail has had reported this type of event. Hong Kong usually reports a handful of cases of cholera each year, primarily but not exclusively imported. - Mod.LL

The interactive HealthMap/ProMED map for Hong Kong is available at

<http://healthmap.org/r/OnTt> - CopyEd.EJP]

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[4] Cholera - Congo DR (Bandundu)

Date: Sat 18 Jun 2011

Source: AFP (Agence France-Presse) [edited]

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gI\\_9PX-PYsyvK2uIX0ZYK43pkifw?docId=CNG.2d9faeccc87a1b28917c412bcf84543e.91](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gI_9PX-PYsyvK2uIX0ZYK43pkifw?docId=CNG.2d9faeccc87a1b28917c412bcf84543e.91)

At least 29 people have been killed in an outbreak of cholera in the western Bolobo region of the Democratic Republic of Congo since the end of May 2011, health authorities said on Wednesday 15 Jun 2011.

The fatalities formed part of a total of 483 cholera cases which have been registered in Bolobo since 31 May 2011, said Delly Mangombo, the chief medical officer for the region in Bandundu province.

"Bolobo has an ongoing problem with its drinking water," Mangombo told AFP. "The whole population gets its water from the river (Congo) and whenever there is low water of the river, there is always diarrhea," he said, adding that it was the 5th major outbreak in the region in 50 years.

A team from the Belgian branch of Medecins Sans Frontiers (MSF/Doctors Without Borders) is currently in the city of Bolobo to help local medical teams cope with the outbreak, Mangombo said.

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[The interactive HealthMap/ProMED map for Congo DR is available at <http://healthmap.org/r/01ek> - CopyEd.EJP]

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[5] Cholera - Niger (Southern Region)

Date: Sat 18 Jun 2011

Source: The Vanguard [edited]

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2011/06/cholera-kills-6-in-niger/>

Cholera has killed at least 6 of the 347 known cases in Niger, particularly in Niamey and Tillabery, the Nigerien minister of health, Soumana Sanda, has said.

Several isolation camps for patients have been built in the Gamkalle district of Niamey, in the rural town of Libore and N'Dounga, the areas most affected by the disease.

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[The interactive HealthMap/ProMED map for Niger is available at <http://healthmap.org/r/008b> - CopyEd.EJP]

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[6] Cholera - Cote d'Ivoire (Abidjan)

Date: Tue 21 Jun 2011

Source: Associated Press [edited]

<http://ca.news.yahoo.com/un-says-thousands-hit-flooding-ivory-coast-42-121851343.html>

The United Nations says flooding around the Cote d'Ivoire's

commercial capital [Abidjan] is threatening at least 27 646 people, and dozens of cholera cases have been reported.

The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said on Tuesday [21 Jun 2011] that UN, Red Cross, and government officials are trying to find ways to relocate people from flooded homes in a dozen communities around Abidjan.

Spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs said there is enormous need for new shelter and other items as her agency prepares to help up to 10 000 families, while authorities look for longer-term solutions.

Byrs, speaking in Geneva, said the country's health officials had confirmed 42 cases of cholera in the Koumassi district, including 10 cases in the past week [week ending 19 Jun 2011].

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[The interactive HealthMap/ProMED map for Cote d'Ivoire is available at <http://healthmap.org/r/00cE> - CopyEd.EJP]

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