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Pandemic Postings

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International situation

Vietnam [WHO, 31/08/07](#). WHO have amended their criteria for confirming cases of human influenza A/H5 infection (see amended criteria). As a result, 5 additional cases of human infection with H5N1 avian influenza have been confirmed in Vietnam. The illness onset dates for these patients range from 30 May 2007 to 27 July 2007, and ages range from 15 years to 29 years. Four of the five cases died due to the infection. Two came from Thanh Hoa province, two from Ha Tay province, and one from Ha Nam province (see [map](#)).

Indonesia [WHO, 23/08/07](#). WHO have reported a further case of human infection with H5N1 avian influenza in Indonesia. The case was a 28-year-old female from Tabanan Regency in Bali Province who became unwell on 14 August and died in hospital on 21 August. The case was further located by the Indonesian avian influenza website [Komnas FBPI](#) to Banjar Batu Gaing, Baraban, Kediri subdistrict, in Tabanan Regency (see Tabanan Regency [map](#), or detailed [map](#) of population centres). The case was a poultry trader who had collected poultry from villages where outbreaks of avian influenza in poultry had occurred and were later confirmed by rapid testing.

Current global avian influenza activity
Confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1), 17 - 31 August 2007,¹ and outbreaks of highly-pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 in poultry 7 - 26 August 2007,² by country. The complete list of human cases and poultry outbreaks to date can be found on the [ARPHS website](#).

	Human ¹		Poultry ²
	cases	deaths	outbreaks
Germany	-	-	1
Indonesia	1	1	-
Vietnam	5	4	-
TOTAL	6	5	1

Notes:

- 1 As reported by [World Health Organization](#)
- 2 As reported by the [World Organisation for Animal Health \(OIE\)](#).

Poultry outbreaks:

- **Germany** [OIE, 26/08/07](#). The OIE has reported an outbreak of avian influenza H5N1 in a duck farm in Wachenroth-Warmersdorf, Erlangen-Höchstadt district, Bayern (Bavaria) in Germany (see [map](#)). The outbreak involved a farm with 169,857 susceptible birds.
- **Vietnam** [CIDRAP, 15/08/07](#). News sources report that Vietnam's Agriculture Ministry has announced a new poultry outbreak in the province of Cao Bang, near the Chinese border, involving 89 chickens and ducks. This outbreak has not yet been reported by OIE.

Ministry of Health advice line: 0800 AVN FLU (286 358)

MAF Hotline (for suspect animal cases): 0800 809 966

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