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- A(H5N1) Avian influenza – None
- A(H5N1) Human influenza – Egypt, Indonesia
- “INSIDE” events: none
- “OUTSIDE” events: Rabies – The Netherlands (ex-Morocco)

Location: World	Event: A(H5N1) – Epizootic	Comments
No epizooties reported this week		

Location: Egypt	Event: A(H5N1) – Human	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 22nd February 2012, the Egyptian Ministry of Health notified to WHO one new human case of A(H5N1) infection in Menofia governorate (cf. map 1). • The case was <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a 45 years old woman; ○ Onset of symptoms on 10th February 2012; ○ She received treatment on 17th February 2012 and is recovering; ○ Exposure to sick poultry was documented; • The last A(H5N1) human cases in Egypt were reported on 19th January 2012 (cf. eWEB n° 201) in Cairo and Fayium governorates. • To date, 160 A(H5N1) human cases have been reported in Egypt, including 55 deaths. 		<p>Map 1. Menofia Governorate, Egypt.</p> 

Location: Indonesia	Event: A(H5N1) – Human	Comments
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- On 21st February 2012, the Indonesian Ministry of Health notified to [WHO](#) one new human case of A(H5N1) infection in Banten province (cf. map 2).
- The case was
 - a 19 years old woman;
 - Onset of symptoms on 8th February 2012;
 - She was hospitalised on 12th February and died on 13th February 2012;
- The last A(H5N1) human cases in Indonesia were reported on 19th January 2012 (cf. eWEB n° 201) in Jakarta province.
- To date, 185 A(H5N1) human cases have been reported in Indonesia, including 153 deaths.

Map 2. Banten province, Indonesia.



**REPORT OF NEW HEALTH EVENTS OCCURRING OUTSIDE THE EPISOUTH AREA
(Occurring in one or several EpiSouth countries)**

The Netherlands (ex-Morocco)	Event: Rabies	Comments
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- On 16th February 2012, The Ministry of Agriculture of The Netherlands reported to [OIE](#) a case of imported rabies in a 8,5 weeks old puppy in Noord-Holland (North of the country, cf. map 3).
- The young puppy was imported from Morocco via Spain by a Dutch couple and introduced in the Netherlands on 11th February 2012:
 - First signs of rabies occurred on 12th February 2012;
 - The dog was euthanized on 15th February 2012;
 - Epidemiological investigation and contact tracing identified all contacts and exposed persons:
 - 2 cats and 1 dog (with minimum contact) were vaccinated and isolated.
 - Human contacts received anti-rabies treatment.
- In Spain, health authorities have been informed and people in contact with the dog are being investigated.

- The Netherlands has been officially rabies-free since 1988.
- So far, no related local transmission cycle of rabies in Spain or in the Netherlands has been reported.
- Illegal importation of rabid dog from endemic countries occurs regularly as it happened in France in August 2011 (cf. [eWEB n° 177](#))
- This event illustrates the risk of reintroducing rabies in “rabies free” countries through illegally imported dogs. For instance, France did lose its status of “rabies free country “in 2008 following a similar event of illegal importation of a rabid dog from Morocco which resulted in a limited cycle of local transmission. Since 2010, France is again rabies free.

Map 3. Noord-Holland, Netherlands.

