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- A(H5N1) Human influenza – Egypt
- “INSIDE” events: None
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Location: Israel

Event: A(H5N1) – Epizootic

Comments

- On 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012, the Ministry of Agriculture in Israel reported to [OIE](#) 1 outbreak of A(H5) influenza infections in cats in the city of Ashkelon (cf. map 1), a city where contaminated domestic poultry were reported the previous week.
- These cats developed clinical signs 1 week after they were seen feeding infected turkey carcasses.
- The last A(H5N1) influenza outbreak in Israel was reported in domestic poultry in March 2012 in the same city (cf. [eWEB n°208](#)).
- To date, no human case has been reported in Israel.

Map 1. Ashkelon, Israel.



Location: Egypt

Event: A(H5N1) – Human

Comments

- On March 19<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Egyptian Ministry of health notified to [WHO](#) a new human case of A(H5N1) infection in Dakahlia governorate (cf. map 2).
- The case was:
  - a 40 years old woman;
  - Onset of symptoms on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2012;
  - She was hospitalised on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2012;
  - She was on critical condition and died on March 15<sup>th</sup> ;
  - Exposure to sick poultry was documented.
- So far, a total of 164 cases has been confirmed in Egypt, including 58 deaths.
- The last reported cases in Egypt dated February 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 in Beheira and Kafr Elshikh governorates (cf. [eWEB n°206](#)).

Map 2. Dakahlia governorate, Egypt.

