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This report is based on media monitoring of infectious and emerging diseases globally and within ASEAN Member States. To enhance pandemic and epidemic preparedness and response in the ASEAN Region, we publish this report three times a week.

Global Situation

Mpox

- **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** has seen a 31% rise in mpox cases in the past week, reaching 16,255 cases, according to the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Associated Press, 2025). Only seven out of the 26 provinces reported during the period, partly due to security crisis. Only two of four treatment centers remain operational as fighting disrupts healthcare access. Authorities are negotiating a humanitarian corridor to restore healthcare services in conflict-affected areas. [[Full article](#)]

Marburg Virus

- **Tanzania's** Ministry of Health and WHO declared the end of the country's second Marburg virus disease (MVD) outbreak (WHO, 2025). The outbreak recorded 10 cases (2 confirmed, 8 probable), all died. Authorities, with WHO support, strengthened coordination, surveillance, clinical care, and community awareness to contain the virus. [[Full article](#)]

Dengue

- **Bangladesh** has reported 18 new dengue cases in the 24 hours leading up to March 13, 2025, bringing the total to 1,669 cases in 2025, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) (Dhaka Tribune, 2025). The number of deaths remains at 13, with no new fatalities recorded. Currently, 88 cases were hospitalized. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- The **United States (US)**: The Virgin Islands Department of Health has reported the death of a child aged of two on March 10, 2025, possibly due to hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) (St. Thomas Source, 2025). The territory has reported 188 cases on St. Thomas and one on St. Croix, a significant increase from 46 cases two and a half weeks ago. Health officials are urging parents and caregivers to monitor symptoms and practice strict hygiene to prevent further transmission. [[Full article](#)]



Malaria

- **Pakistan:** Sindh province has recorded 5,437 malaria cases from January to March 7, 2025 (BOL News, 2025). Hyderabad Division recorded the most cases in the province with 2,325 cases, while Karachi experienced a significant increase with 117 cases. Health officials urge mosquito control efforts, early diagnosis, and public awareness to reduce infection risks of the disease. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- The **United States (US):** Texas and New Mexico have reported 28 new measles cases in the past five days, bringing the total to 256 cases as of March 11, 2025 (Reuters, 2025). Cases in Texas have risen to 223, with 156 in Gaines County, and in New Mexico cases have risen from 30 to 33. Health officials report that 80 patients in Texas and 27 in New Mexico were unvaccinated. The CDC assures that the widespread risk of measles remains low due to adequate immunization, surveillance programs, and the country's capacity to respond. [[Full article](#)]

Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV)

- The **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** reported four cases of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) from September 6, 2024, to February 28, 2025, including two deaths (WHO, 2025). Cases occurred in Hail (2), Riyadh (1), and the Eastern Province (1), all in males aged 27–78 with comorbidities. One case involved nosocomial transmission, but no further secondary cases were detected. The Ministry of Health enhanced surveillance, implemented respiratory triage, and provided refresher training for health workers. WHO assesses the overall risk as moderate, noting the ongoing threat from dromedary camels. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia:** Tasikmalaya City, West Java Province, has recorded 198 cases of dengue from January to March 2025, with most cases affecting children (Kompas, 2025). Seven patients were hospitalized, but no deaths have been reported in 2025. Health authorities urge residents to prevent mosquito breeding by regularly draining, covering, and disposing of potential water-holding containers. [[Full article](#)]

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Ho Chi Minh City has reported a sharp rise in hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) cases in early 2025, according to the city's Center for Disease Control (VOV English, 2025). A total of 1,294 cases have been recorded so far this year, with the highest incidence rates in Districts 6, Binh Tan, and Districts 8. Health experts recommend the EV71-targeted HFMD vaccine for children aged 2 months to under 6 years to curb the spread of the disease. [[Full article](#)]



Measles

- **Viet Nam:** Hai Duong city has recorded a surge in measles cases, with 103 infections reported from January to March 13, 2025, compared to zero cases in the same period in 2024 (Bao Hai Duong, 2025). The majority of cases were not fully vaccinated (85.4%), and children under five (60.2%). Authorities attribute the rise to prolonged humid weather and emphasize vaccination, hygiene practices, and used masks and disinfection as key prevention strategies. [[Full article](#)]

Rabies

- **Indonesia:** Buleleng District, Bali Province, has reported 21 cases of bites from rabies-transmitting animals in 2025, with 8 victims testing positive for rabies and one dying, according to the Buleleng Agriculture Office (Bali Post, 2025). In 2024, there were 181 cases of dog bites, with 73 confirmed rabies-positive. To control the spread of rabies, authorities have intensified vaccination efforts by administering 20,000 doses of rabies vaccine across North Bali. [[Full article](#)]
- **Malaysia:** Sarawak has confirmed four rabies cases between March 3 and 7, 2025, in Kuching and Bau areas (DayakDaily, 2025). Of the cases, three involved the bites of stray dogs and one free-roaming pet. Authorities are urging pet owners to vaccinate, license, and microchip their animals to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

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