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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

- **Pakistan:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has detected its sixth mpox case of 2025, bringing the province's total to 15 cases since 2023 (Dawn, 2025). The patient, a 35-year-old woman from the provincial capital, likely contracted the infection from her husband, marking the first locally transmitted case. Health authorities have intensified screening at Bacha Khan International Airport, isolating positive cases, conducting close contact tracing. [[Full article](#)]

Lassa fever

- **Nigeria:** Nigeria has reported 563 confirmed Lassa fever cases and 103 deaths across 13 states in the first three months of 2025, according to the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa Check, 2025). Authorities attribute the rise to changes in rainfall patterns, improved surveillance, and increased awareness, though significant gaps remain in controlling and managing the disease in high-burden communities. [[Full article](#)]

Malaria

- **Ethiopia** has reported 59 cases of malaria this year, as of February 2025 (Xinhua News, 2025). Authorities noted that conflict has negatively impacted public health, leaving hundreds of thousands in need of immediate assistance trapped in hard-to-reach areas. [[Full article](#)]
- **India** reported a mysterious cerebral malaria-like disease in Nagarbhitha village, Sahibganj district, Jharkhand, resulting in 12 serious illnesses and five deaths (Gujarat Samachar, 2025). Health authorities have established a temporary health camp, distributed medicines, monitored close contact, and collected blood samples from over 30 villagers to investigate the illness. [[Full article](#)]

Measles

- **Spain** has confirmed 47 measles cases in Andalusia in 2025, 26% being imported cases (Teleprensa, 2025). Nearly half involve children under 15, and 47% required hospitalization. Health authorities are launching vaccination campaigns, developing protocols, and enhancing coordination with private healthcare providers to identify vulnerable populations and improve immunization efforts. [[Full article](#)]



- The **United States (US)**: Erie County has confirmed two measles cases, marking the first in the area since 2017 (Erie News Now, 2025). Both patients are unvaccinated and in isolation. Authorities are conducting contact tracing, urging residents to check vaccination status and seek medical care if symptoms arise. [[Full article](#)]

Melioidosis

- **Australia**: Queensland has reported 25 deaths from melioidosis in 2025, including five in Townsville, Cairns, and Mackay in the past week (ABC News, 2025). Health authorities have emphasized preventive measures, urging vulnerable populations to avoid flood clean-up activities and practice proper wound care to reduce transmission risks. [[Full article](#)]

Pertussis

- **Spain** confirmed nine cases of pertussis in La Laguna so far this year, while 12 have been reported negative, and other results are pending (El Siglo de Torreón, 2025). Authorities emphasize the importance of vaccination awareness to prevent further spread. [[Full article](#)]

Regional Situation

Dengue

- **Indonesia**: Purworejo District, Central Java Province, has reported over 2,000 dengue cases from January to mid-March 2025, including four deaths (Joglo Jateng, 2025). Health authorities conducted epidemiological investigations, mobilized the community for mosquito breeding site eradication, and established larvae monitoring officers in affected villages. Residents are urged to eliminate breeding sites to prevent a surge in cases during the holiday season. [[Full article](#)]

Malang City, East Java Province has recorded a rise in dengue cases, from 600 in 2024 to 202 by early 2025 (RRI, 2025). Sukun District, especially Bandungrejosari and Tanjungrejo Villages, is the most affected, with each village reported one death. Health authorities emphasize the importance of community vigilance and preventive measures. [[Full article](#)]

- The **Philippines** confirmed its first dengue-related fatality in Capiz in 2025, a 14-year-old boy from Jamindan, who died in late February (Daily Guardian, 2025). The Department of Health has recorded 451 dengue cases in the province in 2025, a 64.6% increase from 2024, with 274 cases. Health authorities continue urging the public to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites, using protection, seeking early consultation, and fogging in high-risk areas. [[Full article](#)]

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