

# ASEAN Biological Threats Surveillance Centre

## Media Monitoring for Infectious and Emerging Diseases

### GLOBAL & ASEAN REGION

October 27 – 28, 2026



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.

## Regional Situation

### Dengue

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi's National Hospital for Tropical Diseases was treating 18 dengue patients as of October 26, 2026 (Vietnam.vn, 2026). One of the patients, a 23-year-old man, developed dengue shock, severe respiratory failure and acute respiratory distress syndrome, requiring ventilation, VV-ECMO and dialysis. After 13 days, he was weaned off ECMO and extubated but remained under observation. Doctors warned that severe complications can affect healthy individuals. [[Full article](#)]

**Hanoi** reported 429 new cases across 94 wards and communes during October 16–23, 2026, down 80 from the previous week (Xaluan News, 2026). The cumulative total reached 5,289 cases with no deaths. Hanoi CDC continued surveillance and investigations, while health stations promoted sanitation, breeding-site removal and targeted mosquito spraying. [[Full article](#)]

**Gia Lai Province** reported 659 new dengue cases during October 14–20, 2026, including one death in Bien Ho Commune (Vietnam.vn, 2026). From January 1 to October 20, the province recorded 9,143 cases and one death, 6,042 more cases than during the same period in 2025. Authorities intensified mosquito control, sanitation, chemical spraying and outbreak surveillance. [[Full article](#)]

### Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)

- **Viet Nam:** Hanoi reported 153 new HFMD cases during October 16-23, 2026, a decrease of 77 from the previous week (VTV.vn, 2026). The annual total reached 6,397, with no deaths. Hanoi CDC continues surveillance, investigations, monitoring in communities and childcare facilities, and public health communication. [[Full article](#)]

### Leptospirosis

- **Indonesia:** Kulon Progo District, Special Region of Yogyakarta Province, recorded 64 leptospirosis cases and seven deaths as of October 2026 (Tribun Jogja, 2026). Authorities are strengthening sanitation, clean and healthy living education, and treatment access, emphasizing that transmission occurs from animals to humans, not between people. [[Full article](#)]



## *Melioidosis*

- **Viet Nam:** Dak Lak Province reported a new case of melioidosis on October 26, 2026, in a 69-year-old man from Tuy Hoa Ward with fever and back pain, diagnosed at Cho Ray Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam.vn, 2026). Recent freshwater fishing was a possible exposure, but the source remains unknown. The province recorded four cases and one death this year. Authorities are investigating exposures and educating communities on prevention. [[Full article](#)]

## *Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)*

- **Thailand:** Phuket is monitoring two suspected MERS cases at Vachira Phuket Hospital. Both patients were placed under observation and underwent testing as part of precautionary infection-control measures (The Phuket News, 2026). The hospital has implemented disease surveillance and public education measures to raise awareness of MERS and its transmission risks. [[Full article](#)]

## *Tuberculosis (TB)*

- **Indonesia:** North Kayong District, West Kalimantan Province, has recorded 109 TB cases so far in 2026 (Pontianak Post, 2026). Teluk Batang reported 21 cases, followed by Teluk Melano (14) and Sukadana (11). On October 24–25, authorities screened 100 targeted contacts in two villages. Supported by the Ministry of Health, the programme covers 19 sites across 11 health centres, using portable X-rays and molecular testing. [[Full article](#)]

## **Global Situation**

### *Chikungunya*

- **France** reported 20 new locally acquired chikungunya cases in the week before October 21, 2026, bringing the total to 182 cases across 22 clusters, including one newly identified cluster (Zdrave.net, 2026). The first local case was reported on July 29. Italy reported one local case in Rome, while Bulgaria recorded five imported cases in 2026. UK scientists warned climate change could facilitate further northward spread in Europe. [[Full article](#)]

### *Dengue*

- **Bangladesh** reported 2,071 new dengue hospitalizations and 11 deaths on October 27, 2026, bringing 2026 totals to 128,237 cases and 400 deaths (Anadolu Agency, 2026). A total of 6,415 patients remained hospitalized, while others recovered and were discharged. Compared with the same period in 2025, cases rose from 66,423 to 128,237 and deaths from 269 to 400. [[Full article](#)]
- **India:** Pune District, Maharashtra, reported 90 dengue cases in Pimpri from October 1 – 25, 2026, its highest monthly count this year (eSakal, 2026). Since June, 212 cases were confirmed, with no deaths. Health officials are inspecting sites and advising residents to eliminate stagnant water, clean storage containers, remove breeding sites, and seek prompt care. [[Full article](#)]



- **Pakistan:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reported 51 new dengue cases on October 25, 2026, bringing the total to 4,856 (Dawn, 2026). Of these, 199 remained active without hospitalization, 4,656 recovered, and one death was reported. Authorities urged eliminating stagnant water and breeding sites, covering containers, and prioritising environmental management over excessive insecticide spraying. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Seminole County, Florida, reported a locally acquired dengue case, the second in the county in 2026 (Click Orlandom 2026). So far this year, Florida had recorded 425 locally acquired cases. Authorities advised removing standing water, repairing screens, wearing long sleeves, and using DEET-based repellents. [\[Full article\]](#)

### *Legionellosis*

- **Spain:** Cáceres Province, Extremadura, reported eight new Legionnaires' disease cases during the epi-week 42, bringing its annual total to 19; four patients remain hospitalized (El Periódico Extremadura, 2026). Extremadura reported 12 cases that week and 49 so far in 2026. Epidemiological and environmental investigations continue. [\[Full article\]](#)

### *Malaria*

- **Taiwan (Province of China):** Tainan City reported its first imported malaria case of 2026 in a Nigerian man in his 30s, diagnosed with falciparum malaria on October 23 (Liberty Times Net Health, 2026). He remained hospitalized with stable vital signs. By October 27, Taiwan had recorded eight imported cases linked to Pakistan, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Malaysia and elsewhere. Authorities advised preventive medication, mosquito-bite avoidance and prompt care for symptoms. [\[Full article\]](#)

### *Measles*

- **Bangladesh:** Health authorities reported 63 new laboratory-confirmed measles cases in the 24 hours ending October 28, 2026, indicating continued transmission during the ongoing nationwide outbreak (The New Nation, 2026). Since March 15, Bangladesh has recorded thousands of confirmed and suspected measles cases. Health authorities are continuing surveillance, case management, and vaccination activities to limit further spread and reduce measles-related mortality.. [\[Full article\]](#)
- The **United States (US):** Jackson County, Wisconsin, reported 2 confirmed measles cases, marking the first measles cases identified in the county during the ongoing 2026 outbreak (WAOW, 2026). Health authorities have initiated contact tracing and exposure investigations and are urging residents to ensure they are up to date with MMR vaccination to prevent further transmission of the highly contagious disease. [\[Full article\]](#)

### *Tuberculosis*

- The **United States (US):** San Francisco, California, reported two confirmed active tuberculosis cases associated with a local strip club, following notification of an earlier case in October 2026 (People, 2026). Links between the cases and whether those infected were employees or patrons remain unconfirmed. Contact tracing is underway; health authorities assess the risk to the public as low. [\[Full article\]](#)



## West Nile Virus (WNV)

- **France:** Île-de-France Region reported a fourth WNV-related death among 27 locally acquired cases, according to Santé Publique France's latest weekly epidemiological bulletin (France 3 Régions, 2026). Cases were not associated with travel to affected areas abroad or elsewhere in France. [[Full article](#)]
- **Spain:** Andalusia reported a new human case of WNV in Los Palacios y Villafranca on October 26, 2026, bringing the regional total to 78 (35 neuroinvasive, 43 mild), with five deaths (El Pespunte, 2026). Los Palacios was placed under virus alert through October 31, prompting intensified mosquito surveillance and control. Authorities advised repellents, screens, protective clothing and stagnant water removal. [[Full article](#)]
- The **United States (US):** Florida reported its sixth human WNV case of 2026 in Sarasota County on October 23, involving local transmission (Outbreak News Today, 2026). Five earlier cases occurred in Alachua (two), Duval, Holmes and Walton counties. Two asymptomatic blood donors were identified in Duval and Leon counties. Health authorities coordinated surveillance and mosquito-control treatments and advised residents to prevent mosquito bites. [[Full article](#)]

## Zika

- **Russia Federation** confirmed one imported Zika case in 2026 in a woman returning to Moscow from Southeast Asia (Vesti.ru, 2026). Laboratory testing confirmed the diagnosis, and she was hospitalized. Rospotrebnadzor ruled out local transmission and continues monitoring imported cases. Travellers were advised to prevent mosquito bites and seek care for symptoms after returning from tropical regions. [[Full article](#)]

## References

- Anadolu Agency (2026) *With 11 More Fatalities, Deaths in Bangladesh from Dengue Rise to 400*, Anadolu Agency. Available at: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/with-11-more-fatalities-deaths-in-bangladesh-from-dengue-rise-to-400/4102432> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Click Orlando (2026) *Seminole County Confirms Another Case of Dengue Fever; 425+ Cases in Florida This Year*, ClickOrlando. Available at: <https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2026/10/26/seminole-county-confirms-another-case-of-dengue-fever-425-cases-in-florida-this-year/> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Dawn (2026) *Experts call for preventive measures as dengue cases continue to rise in KP*, Dawn. Available at: <https://www.dawn.com/news/2039776> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- El Periódico Extremadura (2026) *SES investiga el origen de ocho casos* [SES Investigates the Source of Eight Cases], El Periódico Extremadura. Available at: <https://www.elperiodicoextremadura.com/caceres-local/2026/10/26/ses-investiga-origen-ocho-casos-135785170.html> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- El Pespunte (2026) *Los Palacios registra un nuevo caso de fiebre del Nilo Occidental: Andalucía alcanza los 78 en 2026* [Los Palacios Records a New West Nile Fever Case as Andalusia Reaches 78 Cases in 2026], El Pespunte. Available at: <https://www.elpespunte.es/provincia/palacios-villafranca/palacios-registra-nuevo-caso-fiebre-nilo-occidental-andalucia-alcanza-78-2026/20261026161018158445.html> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- eSakal (2026) *सावधान, डेंगीचा प्रादुर्भाव वाढतोय* [Dengue Outbreak Is Increasing], eSakal. Available at: <https://www.esakal.com/pune/dengue-outbreak-pimpri> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).



- France 3 Régions (2026) *Un quatrième mort du virus du Nil occidental transmis par des moustiques en Île-de-France* [Fourth Death from Mosquito-Borne West Nile Virus in Île-de-France], France 3 Régions. Available at: <https://france3-regions.franceinfo.fr/paris-ile-de-france/un-quatrieme-mort-du-virus-nil-occidental-transmis-par-des-moustiques-en-ile-de-france-3439755.html> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Liberty Times Net Health (2026) 潛伏期可達30天 南市出現首例境外移入瘧疾病例, 自由健康網 (Liberty Times Net Health). Available at: <https://health.ltn.com.tw/article/breakingnews/5620484> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Outbreak News Today (2026) *Florida: Sarasota County Reports State's 6th Human West Nile Virus Case*, Outbreak News Today. Available at: <https://outbreaknewstoday.substack.com/p/florida-sarasota-county-reports-states> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- People (2026) *2 Cases of Tuberculosis Traced to Famed San Francisco Strip Club*, People. Available at: <https://people.com/tuberculosis-outbreak-linked-to-strip-club-12194372> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Pontianak Post (2026) *109 Kasus TBC Ditemukan di Kayong Utara hingga Oktober 2026, Teluk Batang Tertinggi* [109 TB Cases Recorded in North Kayong by October 2026, with Teluk Batang Reporting the Highest Number], Pontianak Post. Available at: <https://pontianakpost.jawapos.com/amp/kayong-utara/2610260033/109-kasus-tbc-ditemukan-di-kayong-utara-hingga-oktober-2026-teluk-batang-tertinggi> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- The New Nation (2026) *Measles claims 7 more lives*, The New Nation. Available at: <https://dailynation.com/news/866066> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- The Phuket News (2026) *Vachira Phuket Monitors Two Suspected MERS Cases*, The Phuket News. Available at: <https://www.thephuketnews.com/vachira-phuket-monitors-two-suspected-mers-cases-102026.php> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Tribun Jogja (2026) *Kasus kematian akibat leptospirosis di Kulon Progo masih tinggi, sosialisasi PHBS terus digencarkan* [Leptospirosis Deaths in Kulon Progo Remain High as Clean and Healthy Living Campaigns Intensify], Tribun Jogja. Available at: <https://jogja.tribunnews.com/diy/1226422/kasus-kematian-akibat-leptospirosis-di-kulon-progo-masih-tinggi-sosialisasi-phbs-terus-digencarkan> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Vesti.ru (2026) *Роспотребнадзор подтвердил случай завоза лихорадки Зика в Россию* [Rospotrebnadzor Confirms an Imported Case of Zika Fever in Russia], Vesti.ru. Available at: <https://www.vesti.ru/ns/rospotrebnadzor-podtverdil-sluchaj-zavoza-likhoradki-zika-v-rossiyu> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Vietnam.vn (2026) *18 người nhập viện vì sốt xuất huyết, nam thanh niên 23 tuổi phải thở máy* [18 People Hospitalised with Dengue Fever; 23-Year-Old Man Requires Mechanical Ventilation], Vietnam.vn. Available at: <https://www.vietnam.vn/en/18-nguoi-nhap-vien-vi-sot-xuat-huyet-nam-thanh-nien-23-tuoi-phai-tho-may> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Vietnam.vn (2026) *Gia Lai ghi nhận hơn 9.100 ca sốt xuất huyết, tăng hơn 6.000 ca so với cùng kỳ* [Gia Lai Records More Than 9,100 Dengue Cases, an Increase of More Than 6,000 Compared with the Same Period Last Year], Vietnam.vn. Available at: <https://www.vietnam.vn/en/gia-lai-ghi-nhan-hon-9-100-ca-sot-xuat-huyet-tang-hon-6-000-ca-so-voi-cung-ky> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- Vietnam.vn (2026) *Người đàn ông 69 tuổi mắc bệnh Whitmore, chưa rõ nguồn lây* [69-Year-Old Man Contracts Whitmore's Disease; Source of Infection Remains Unknown], Vietnam.vn. Available at: <https://www.vietnam.vn/nguoi-dan-ong-69-tuoi-mac-benh-whitmore-chua-ro-nguon-lay> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- VTV.vn (2026) *Hà Nội còn 29 ổ dịch sốt xuất huyết đang hoạt động* [Hanoi Has 29 Active Dengue Outbreaks Remaining], VTV.vn. Available at: <https://vtv.vn/ha-noi-con-29-o-dich-sot-xuat-huyet-dang-hoat-dong-100261026171450162.htm> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).
- WAOW (2026) *New Measles Cases Are Confirmed in a New Wisconsin County*, WAOW. Available at: [https://www.waow.com/news/new-measles-cases-are-confirmed-in-a-new-wisconsin-county/article\\_f6198c56-a427-5202-a34a-26bdb611e4ea.html](https://www.waow.com/news/new-measles-cases-are-confirmed-in-a-new-wisconsin-county/article_f6198c56-a427-5202-a34a-26bdb611e4ea.html) (Accessed: 28 October 2026).



Xaluan News (2026) [Article title not verified], Xaluan News. Available at: <https://www.xaluannews.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=3751490> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).

Zdrave.net (2026) ECDC: Увеличават се локално придобитите случаи на треска чикунгуња във Франция [ECDC: Locally Acquired Chikungunya Cases in France Are Increasing], Zdrave.net. Available at: <https://www.zdrave.net/%D0%9D%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B8/ECDC--%D0%A3%D0%B2%D0%B5%D0%BB%D0%B8%D1%87%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%82-%D1%81%D0%B5-%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%BA%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%BD%D0%BE-%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%B8%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%B1%D0%B8%D1%82%D0%B8%D1%82%D0%B5-%D1%81%D0%BB%D1%83%D1%87%D0%B0%D0%B8-%D0%BD%D0%B0-%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B5%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B0-%D1%87%D0%B8%D0%BA%D1%83%D0%BD%D0%B3%D1%83%D0%BD%D1%8F-%D0%B2%D1%8A%D0%B2-%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%86%D0%B8%D1%8F-/n39387> (Accessed: 28 October 2026).