

Fifth and Sixth H5N1 human case in Bangladesh

Two cases of Influenza H5N1 has been reported from the same surveillance site, as of fourth case, at live bird market in Dhaka City (South) on 04 March 2012. This was confirmed by Real time RT-PCR. It may be mentioned that they are the fifth and sixth cases of laboratory confirmed Influenza H5N1 cases of Bangladesh since the first case detected in 2008.

The fifth case is 26 year old male and sixth case is 18 year old male who had presented with history of fever, sore throat, cough. Now they are free from symptoms. Nasal and throat swab were collected and found positive for H5N1. They are also live bird market workers, like the fourth case.

They are being treated and followed up by National Rapid Response Team members from IEDCR and ICDDR,B.

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