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Bird flu death toll rises to 4

THE number of Vietnam's confirmed bird flu deaths has risen to four, the World Health Organisation said, while a hospital in the south of the country said today it had two very sick patients with bird flu symptoms.

The UN health agency, which is helping Vietnam battle the fast-spreading disease, said a five-year-old boy died on January 8 from bird flu.

"WHO now counts four confirmed cases of H5N1 in Vietnam," the agency said.

South Korea, Japan and Taiwan have also had outbreaks, but Vietnam has been hardest hit.

Web links

- [Dept of Health - pandemic flu](http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en)
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en>
- [WHO - Bird Flu fact sheet](http://www.who.int/csr/don/2004_01_15/en/)
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