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Birds trigger death flu fear

HONG Kong health authorities sealed off a pond today after dead waterfowl raised fears of a new outbreak of the "bird flu" which killed six people in the territory five years ago.

A government spokeswoman said tests were being done to see if the four ducks and a swan were carrying the deadly H5N1 strain, which made the unusual jump from birds to humans in 1997.

The find follows the slaughter of several hundred chickens in five poultry stalls this week after dozens of birds were found dead with flu viruses.

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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