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Riot fear as flu kills ten

VIETNAM has deployed riot police at bird flu checkpoints around the capital, Ho Chi Minh City, after the killer virus claimed another victim, raising the country's death toll in the latest outbreak to ten.

City authorities have also started destroying any chickens and ducks whose origins cannot be pinned down, a policy that has raised the threat of civil unrest.

Most of the bird flu victims are believed to have caught the virus from infected poultry but doctors fear it could mutate into a form that is easily passed between people.

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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