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Warning over killer bird flu

HEALTH experts warned that the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu appeared to be entrenched in parts of south-east Asia after a teenager in a Malaysian village hit by the virus was hospitalised with flu symptoms.

Also, a Chinese laboratory said the avian influenza had been found in pigs, and authorities in Thailand reported a new outbreak in ducks.

The deadly strain ravaged poultry flocks throughout Asia earlier this year and killed 27 people in Vietnam and Thailand, areas which have dealt with recurring outbreaks.

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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