

Bird flu found in Tibet: state media

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Chinese officials had confirmed the outbreak of a deadly strain of bird flu among poultry in the Tibetan capital Lhasa, state media reported Sunday, quoting the ministry of agriculture.

The Xinhua news agency reported that the H5N1 virus, which can be fatal to humans, had been found in poultry sold at a wholesale market in Lhasa on April 12.

"Emergency measures have been taken and the epidemic has been brought under control," with 1,679 birds culled, the ministry was quoted as saying.

No one who came into contact with the infected poultry had shown any signs of illness, the report said.

China reported its first [bird flu](#) outbreak among [poultry](#) this year in February in the Xinjiang, in the far northwest of the country.

Twenty-five people have died from bird flu in China since the disease re-emerged in 2003, according to latest World Health Organisation figures.

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