

Ten dead from haemorrhagic fever outbreak in South Sudan: WHO

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At least 10 people have died and 40 were suffering from an outbreak of haemorrhagic fever in South Sudan, the latest calamity in the war-torn country, the World Health Organization said.

"A total of 51 suspected cases, including 10 deaths, had been reported," the WHO said in a statement on Thursday. Cases are from the northeastern Aweil region, with the last recorded death in late February.

"The most frequent symptoms include unexplained bleeding, fever, fatigue, headache and vomiting," WHO said. "The symptoms do not seem to be severe and rapidly resolve following supportive treatment." Samples tested were all negative for Ebola and Marburg virus diseases.

A more than two-year civil war has left South Sudan surviving off handouts, with more than five million people in need of aid. Despite a peace deal, violence continues.

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