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Crow deaths in Bihar trigger AI alarm

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India confirmed a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak in wild birds in India's Bihar state. The outbreaks were reported between February 18, 2012 and February 27, 2012. These outbreaks have not yet been reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).

General Information:

On February 28, 2012, the Government of India confirmed a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak in wild birds in India's Bihar state. Hundreds of crows have died in Bihar in the last one and a half months, particularly in Gaya, Banka, Nawada, Jamui, Bhagalpur, Munger and Aurangabad districts. The High Security Animal Disease Laboratory (HSADL) in Bhopal has confirmed H5N1 as responsible for wild birds' deaths in Bihar. The laboratory report, posted on February 29, 2012, is available on the website of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF) and can be accessed at: [HSADL, Bhopal Report on Notifiable AI](#)

In response to the HPAI outbreak in wild birds, the Bihar state government has directed all district civil surgeons to keep in touch with the district animal husbandry department and follow the advice of its director. While previous outbreaks have been notified to the OIE (see GAIN IN 2021), this outbreak has not yet been reported.

Source News:

[Bihar alert on Avian Influenza](#) (Source: Twocircles.net, 02/26/2012)

[Bihar alert on avian influenza](#) (Source: Manoramaonline.com , 02/26/2012)

[Bihar alert on avian influenza](#) (Source: Sify news, 02/26/2012)

[Crows are dying in Bihar from bird flu](#) (Source: Deccan Herald, 02/18/2012)

[Bihar alert on avian influenza](#) (Source: Punjabnewsline, 02/27/2012)