

Fever, swollen lymph nodes and rashes

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Dr Abdinasir said that the symptoms of Monkeypox are fever, swollen lymph nodes and rashes, and in some the symptoms are really severe. "Knowledge matters in the fight against Monkeypox, unless you know the virus you cannot tackle it."

"There are two active strains of Monkeypox virus, the Central African and West African and out of these two, the Central African strain is much more severe."

When asked about the contribution of climate change to the increasing cases of infectious diseases, he said there should be a connection "but it is unclear". Dr Abdinasir said the recovery rate is very high in cases of Monkeypox with a fatality rate varying between one and 10%.

"It is clearly known that the origin of the virus is from animals and there is no specific an-



Test tubes labelled "Monkeypox virus positive" are seen in this illustration

swer for the increasing number of transmissions. The virus has not changed genetically, which is good news and there have been no mutations."

Dr Abdinasir said the Monkeypox virus has nothing to do with the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine. "The virus has not changed genetically. It is not biologically manufactured or biologically modified."

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Spain's Monkeypox case tally rises to 84

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Spanish health authorities reported 25 new cases of monkeypox yesterday, bringing the total tally of infections in one of the main hot spots of the recent outbreak to 84.

The Health Ministry, which now considers all non-human-origin pox infections as monkeypox after a positive test while before only counting those confirmed by sequencing, also said there were 73 suspected cases.

Spain, England and Portugal are the countries with the most cases in the recent outbreak of the usually mild viral disease outside its endemic areas in parts of west and central Africa.

Spain's neighbour Portugal confirmed nine new infections on Thursday, bringing the total to 58.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said it had identified nine monkeypox cases in seven US states as of Wednesday.

Cases were confirmed in Massachusetts, Florida, Utah, Washington, California, Virginia and New York, the CDC told reporters yesterday.

The first monkeypox case in the United States was reported in Massachusetts last week.

Most of the infections detected globally so far have not been severe.

Symptoms include fever and a distinctive bumpy rash.

Vaccine stockpiles

The WHO classified smallpox as an eradicated disease in 1980, but there have been longstanding concerns that the virus could be used as a bioweapon, leading countries to stockpile vaccines.

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US officials say there are more than 1,000 doses of the Bavarian Nordic vaccine in the national stockpile and expect that level to ramp up very quickly in the coming weeks. The country also has 100 million doses of

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Germany has said it had ordered 40,000 doses of Bavarian Nordic's vaccine, to be ready to vaccinate contacts of cases if needed. read more

Other countries, including

Britain and France, are also offering or recommending vaccines to people with close contact to infected people and healthcare workers. read more

Bavarian Nordic, which has an annual production capacity

of 30 million doses, told Reuters multiple countries have approached it interested in buying its vaccine, without providing details. A spokesperson said it does not need to expand production.

OIE declares Bahrain free of Equine plague



The award ceremony

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Shaikh Duaij bin Salman Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Horse Care Affairs Authority

The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has declared the Kingdom of Bahrain free of equine plague, further strengthening the position of Bahrain in maintaining the health status of horses.

Shaikh Duaij bin Salman Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Horse Care Affairs Authority, congratulated His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for their care and support to this sector.

A certificate proving the absence of the disease in the Kingdom was presented by Dr Monique Eloit, Director-General of the OIE, to Dr Fajer Al Salloom, Director of Animal Wealth and Delegate of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the World Organisation for Animal Health.

The ceremony came during the organisation's 98th annual conference 2022 at the OIE Headquarters in Paris.

Shaikh Duaij said: "The Kingdom of Bahrain has

been free of this disease for more than 50 years. This is confirmed by annual medical examinations conducted on a large number of horses." "Additionally, this international recognition contributes to facilitating the movement of Bahraini horses between different regions of the world and reducing quarantine periods for horses, and reducing the financial cost and effort on the horses and their owners," he added.

Shaikh Duaij thanked the Animal Wealth Directorate, represented by the Undersecretary for Animal Resources, Dr Khalid Ahmed Hassan, Dr Al Salloom, Yusuf Al Isa, the CEO of the Horse Care Affairs Authority, and members of the Authority's Board of Directors.



National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, Major-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa chaired the Kingdom's delegation at the annual Dragon Group meeting in London. The meeting discussed cooperation in fighting terrorism, piracy, and smuggling, and highlighted military coordination and defence to address challenges in the region. HH Shaikh Nasser stressed the importance of meetings to meet the requirements of joint military action and agree on ways to enhance military cooperation.



Bahrain Defence Force Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, visited a BDF unit and received a briefing on the progress of its preparedness and training programmes. The Commander-in-Chief commended the sense of duty and the determination and commitment of the BDF staff to defend the nation and protect its achievements.

RCSI Bahrain celebrates the success of the joint nursing programme

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The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) hosted a joint board meeting with Tamkeen, the Society of Private Hospitals and a group of private hospital CEOs to discuss partnerships and co-operation in clinical training, education, research and other healthcare projects.

President of RCSI Bahrain, Professor Sameer Ootom, commented, "To date, one of our joint collaboration's biggest achievements is the enrolment of 25 Bahraini students being trained as nurses with Tamkeen's support and soon to be employed in the private healthcare sector."

"We hope to gather more momentum for this joint pro-



From left, Fadi Ghosn, Head of Recognition, Careers & Alumni, RCSI Bahrain, Sayed Mohamed Alqassab, Associate Director, Business Development Education & Healthcare, Tamkeen, Dr Tariq Saeed, Medical Director, Dr Tariq Hospital, Professor Stephen Atkin, Head of School of Postgraduate Studies and Research, RCSI Bahrain, Dr Ahmed Al Rashid, Chief Operating Officer, Royal Bahrain Hospital, Professor Sameer Ootom, President, RCSI Bahrain, Professor Cathal Kelly, Vice-Chancellor and CEO/Registrar, RCSI, Dublin, professor Rebecca Jester, Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery, RCSI Bahrain, Dr George Cheriyan, Chief Executive Officer, American Mission Hospital, Rohit Srivastava, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Professor Alfred Nicholson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, RCSI Bahrain and Dr Kasim Ardati, Chief Executive Officer, Bahrain Specialist Hospital

gramme which started in 2019. Another highlight of our collaboration is the development of clinical and research opportunities for RCSI Bahrain students,

which supports the development of our medical and nursing graduates' profile for the benefit of the healthcare sector in Bahrain."

RCSI Bahrain is a not-for-profit health sciences institution focused on education and research to drive positive change in all areas of human health.