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BAHRAIN COVID-19

TOTAL TESTED
9833396

ACTIVE CASES
3780

DEATHS
1486

DISCHARGED
578264

NEW CASES
400

CRITICAL
1

220 fils (includes VAT)



Act now, WHO says

Monkeypox can be contained with right measures: WHO director

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The World Health Organisation yesterday urged countries around the world to take quick steps to contain the spread of monkeypox and share data about their vaccine stockpiles.

A senior World Health Organization official said yesterday that with the right measures we could contain the threat easily.

"We think that if we put in place the right measures now we probably can contain this easily," Sylvie Briand, WHO director for Global Infectious Hazard Preparedness, told the UN agency's annual assembly.

So far, there are about 300 confirmed or suspected cases in around 20 countries where the virus was not previously circulating.

"For us, we think that the key priority currently is trying to contain this transmission in non-endemic countries," Briand said.



A woman holds a mock-up vial labeled "Monkeypox vaccine" and medical syringe

and told a technical briefing for member states.

Needed measures included the early detection and isolation of cases and contact tracing, she added. Member states should also share information about first generation stockpiles of smallpox vaccines which can also be effective against monkeypox, Briand said.

the world and so that's why we encourage countries to come to WHO and tell us what are their stockpiles," she said. A slide of her presentation described global supplies as "very constrained".

Currently, WHO officials are advising against mass vaccination, instead suggesting targeted vaccination where available for close contacts of people infected.

"Case investigation, contact tracing, isolation at home will be your best bets," said Rosamund Lewis, WHO head of the smallpox secretariat which is part of the WHO Emergencies Programme.

"We don't know exactly the number of doses available in



Monkeypox is a usually mild viral infection that is endemic in parts of west and central Africa. It spreads chiefly through close contact and until the recent outbreak, was rarely seen in other parts of the world, which is why the recent emergence of cases in Europe, the United States and other areas has raised alarms.

Iran says forces seize two Greek tankers

Reuters | Dubai

Iranian forces seized two Greek tankers in the Gulf yesterday, Iranian state media reported, shortly after Tehran warned it would take "punitive action" against Athens over the confiscation of Iranian oil by the United States from a tanker held off the Greek coast. "The Revolutionary Guards Navy today seized two Greek tankers for violations in Gulf waters," said a Guards statement, quoted by the state news agency IRNA.

Greek authorities last month impounded the Iranian-flagged Pegas, with 19 Russian crew members on board, near the coast of Evia due to EU sanctions. The United States later confiscated the Iranian oil cargo held onboard and plans to send it to the United States on another vessel, Reuters reported on Thursday. The Pegas was later released because of confusion about the sanctions over its owners.

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