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Bird flu spreads in Asia; U.S. joins health talks

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Nearly a dozen governments, including the United States, will meet in Thailand today to discuss bird flu, which is now in 10 countries.

Laos and China — the world's most populous nations — report of cases Tuesday. Meanwhile, Thailand confirmed Asia's eighth human victim.

Although the death toll among humans is small, millions of chickens have been slaughtered across Asia to control the disease. The fear is that the virus might leap from birds to people who already have the human flu virus, creating a new virus for which humans have no natural defense.

This is an overview of key facts and concerns about avian flu.

Q: Is there a human vaccine?

A: One is being developed, but it may not be ready in time to stop a widespread human outbreak, if one occurs.

Q: What about existing flu drugs?

A: They may be used to both prevent people from catching bird flu and to treat those who have it. The virus appears to be resistant to two older generic flu drugs, amantadine and rimantadine.

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U.S. toll in Iraq

By Hamza Hendawi

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Flu pandemics

By The Associated Press

A flu usually strikes from a far time's conflict. The worst in the past 100 years, in 1918-19 killed an estimated 40 million to 50 million people.

Countries with avian flu

By The Associated Press

China, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, South Korea, Indonesia, Pakistan, Cambodia, Japan and Taiwan.

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Kerry takes N.H.



Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., acknowledges cheers from supporters in Manchester after winning New Hampshire's Democratic primary.

Amid ongoing violence, U.N. jumps into Iraq election fray

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Demo races past Dean to become the front-runner

By Ron Fournier

MANCHESTER, N.H. — John Kerry overpowered Howard Dean to win New Hampshire's primary Tuesday, a second straight campaign victory for the newly minted Democratic presidential front-runner.

"I look Democrats everywhere to join us as we can defeat George W. Bush and the economy of privilege," Kerry told supporters cheered by his political revival. He promised to "reduce the poverty of millions rather than reducing the taxes of millionaires."

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark battled for third, but far behind the two leaders. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, sagging to fifth place, rejected advice from some advisers to abandon his bid.

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Arizona's Feb. 3 primary will be critical for Kerry

By C.J. Karamanlis

TUCSON — Arizona Democrats have been saying for months that voters here will play a decisive role in selecting the party's presidential nominee. They had little idea how decisive.

Sen. John Kerry's sudden surge and ex-Gov. Howard Dean's back-to-back defeats in Iowa and New Hampshire have upended the race. As a result, party and campaign of debate say, Arizona has been turned into a crucial prize — a prize of political real estate that any serious candidate needs to claim as his own next Tuesday.

"Arizona is a must-win," said Paul Rieckhoff, chairman of the Pima County Democratic Party. "I have no doubt that Arizona will determine the outcome. Whoever wins here wins the nomination."

One reason is practical. After

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