

MAURITIUS AND BIRD & SWINE FLU

The year 2013 has been eventful so far. Whether coups d'état, wars, political strategic plans against Muslim countries and consequently the continuous war between Muslim brothers. We can paint a whole picture of massacres in our today's society. What is very important is that this humble servant of Allah, the Khalifatullah has already warned you about these events years ago and even at the end of 2012. I also told you that Mauritius and the neighbouring islands also will not be spared.

Most recently there is an anxiety among Mauritians. The re-apparition of the two viruses has shaken the hearts in panic: The Avian Influenza (H5N1) and the influenza A (H1N1).

H5N1 is a highly pathogenic bird's flu virus that has caused serious outbreaks in domestic poultry in parts of Asia and the Middle East. Highly pathogenic refers to the virus's ability to produce disease. Although H5N1 does not usually infect humans, nearly 600 cases of human cases of H5N1 have been officially reported from 15 countries since the year 2003.

The "bird flu" does not forgive and made a victim this time in Mauritius only a week after the reappearance of the deadly virus. Three weeks after the first recorded case of influenza A (H1N1), there is the death of an employee of the Mauritius Duty Free Paradise, aged 33, who was married and had no children.

Mauritians are aware of the dangers lurking in the winter weather. With the appearance again of the H1N1 virus, precautions have redoubled. H1N1 was discovered in 2009. Initially it was the pigs which were affected and the first cases were reported in Mexico. H1N1 or swine flu is the first pandemic of the century.

Symptoms are similar to seasonal flu. Between benign infection of the nose and throat, coughing and fever which can be high (above 38 degrees), some people are also showing signs of weakness, muscle pain and headaches. In children the symptoms are diarrhoea and frequent vomiting. One cannot overlook the fact that H1N1 is more severe.

H1N1 mainly adds a complication in the lungs, called viral pneumonia. The viral infection causes a high risk of bacterial pneumonia. Pulmonary infections are still considered dangerous, causing suffocation and lack of oxygen.

The will of God Almighty is bound to be fulfilled, even if it takes years to be realised. May Almighty God have mercy on the Mauritian people and humanity. *Ameen*.

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