

Vampire bat attacks

Continued deforestation of the Amazon has sent displaced vampire bats carrying the rabies virus sweeping across northern Brazil, where the flying mammals have bitten over a thousand people, and left more than 20 dead



Maranhao state

● **Oct:** Infected bloodsucking bats invade thousands of homes in two towns in Maranhao – 23 people die of rabies. Over 1,350 people treated with anti-rabies vaccine

● **Rabies:** Infects central nervous system, can cause death within a day from onset of symptoms if untreated

● **Vampire bats:** Found across Latin America, they feed on blood of cows, pigs, horses, and birds