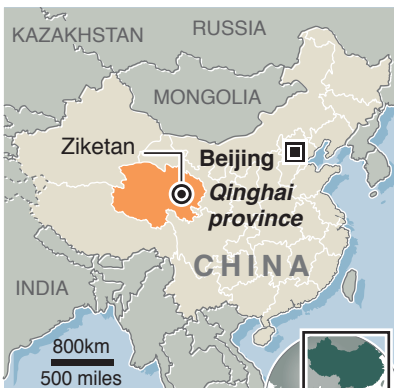


China plague outbreak

A town of more than 10,000 people in north-western China has been placed in quarantine after three men died of pneumonic plague – about 10 others are infected



■ **Pneumonic plague:**

Deadliest and least common form of plague which can spread from person to person, or from animals to people. Disease – caused by bacterium ***Yersinia pestis*** – attacks lungs

■ **Symptoms:** Fever, headache, weakness, pneumonia with shortness of breath, chest pain and cough.

■ **Treatment:** Antibiotics. Can kill 30-60% of patients if left untreated