

Polio cases in Syria spark alarm

The crippling disease poliomyelitis, which has broken out among young children in northeast Syria, poses a threat to millions of children across the Middle East, according to the World Health Organization

Global polio cases

331 2013*

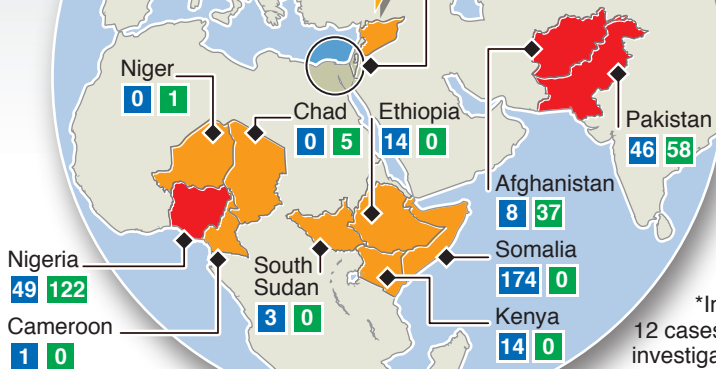
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Polio-endemic countries



Oct 2013, Deir al-Zour province: 22 children paralysed. Polio virus confirmed in 10 victims
First cases in 14 years

Dec 2012: Polio virus from Pakistan found in sewage in Egypt
Apr 2013: Same virus found in Israel, West Bank and Gaza



*Includes
12 cases under
investigation by
WHO in Syria