MERS virus spreads to new countries

Cases of the potentially fatal MERS coronavirus have seen a dramatic increase in the last few weeks, with reports of infections spreading to countries such as Egypt, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Indonesia

Confirmed and reported instances of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV)
Since virus first identified in Sep 2012
Data as of April 28, 2014

418 Cases   **129** Deaths

- ■ MERS virus related to SARS, which spread around globe and killed almost 800 people in 2002-03
- ■ Researchers believe camels are primary source of human infection
- ■ Symptoms include fever, pneumonia and kidney failure
- ■ Incubation period takes 14 days
- ■ No cure or vaccine exists. Virus lethal in about 30 percent of cases

France 2 1
Germany 2 1
Italy 3
UK 4 3
Greece 1
Kuwait 3 1
Qatar 7 4
Tunisia 3 1
Egypt 1
Philippines 1
Jordan 5 3
Oman 2 2
Malaysia 1 1
Saudi Arabia 339 102
UAE 42 9
Indonesia 1 1
Yemen 1

■ Countries with local infections   ■ Countries with imported cases

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