

Cholera Infections in Iraq Climb to More than 1,300



Baghdad, October 9 (RHC)-- Medical authorities in Iraq say the number of recorded cases of cholera in the Arab country has climbed to more than 1, 300, though there have been no new deaths as a result of the waterborne disease.

Director General of Planning and Development at Iraq's Health Ministry Hassan Hadi Baqer told the Arabic-language al-Sumaria satellite television network on Friday that 41 new cases have been diagnosed over the past 24 hours, bringing the number of people affected in the current cholera outbreak to 1,302.

Baqer added as many as 12 new people have contracted the disease in Baghdad's al-Rusafa district, which lies on the eastern side of the river Tigris, and seven in Karkh on the western sector of the river.

At least 11 new victims are from the southern Iraqi province of Muthanna, eight from the central province city of Diwaniyah, located 130 kilometers (80 miles) south of the capital, and the other three come from the city of Najaf.



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