

Important Travel Health Update:

Vietnam reports first death from recent cholera outbreak.

HANOI (AFP) — Vietnam has recorded its first cholera death during an outbreak that has spread to 11 out of 63 provinces and cities across the communist nation, the health ministry said on Tuesday. The 50-year-old victim from northern Ninh Binh province died on May 12 a few hours after hospitalisation, said a Ministry of Health website report.

It added that a total of 53 patients have been confirmed with cholera since April 20, while more than 500 others had acute diarrhoea.

All travellers to Vietnam should pay strict attention to hygiene and be vigilant in their choice of food and water.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gR4SiCarRfvGDDoBVkESq9artbA>. Accessed 10th July 2009

DUKORAL provides 85% protective efficacy against cholera.¹



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