

# NEWS BULLETIN

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## **GLOBAL**

**CLIMATE CHANGE** - Poor countries and small islands states have used their combined muscle to keep debate at the UN climate change talks in 2011 focused on steps to ensure global temperatures do not increase more than two degrees by the turn of the century.

**FOOD** - The combination of higher fuel prices and increased biofuel production, a main driver of the 2007/08 maize price hike, is back in the news because stocks are at their lowest levels in 30 years in the US, the world's largest exporter.

**HEALTH** - Decades in the making, the dengue vaccine's arrival is now in sight, but demand from the 2.5 billion people at risk of contracting this mosquito-borne disease will be much greater than the initial supply, health experts warn.

## **AFRICA**

**KENYA** - When fires swept through three Nairobi slums from January to March this year, leaving an estimated 25,000 people homeless, authorities and agencies were slow to respond.

## **ASIA & PACIFIC**

**CAMBODIA** - Health officials in Cambodia stress that they have not let down their guard against H5N1, despite four fatal cases of human avian flu this year, and are confident the community-based detection surveillance and containment model remains robust and effective.

## **MIDDLE EAST**

**IRAQ** is renewing efforts to reach deals with Syria and Turkey to increase water levels on the River Euphrates which flows from these two countries into Iraq, and on which Iraq is heavily dependent for agriculture and electricity generation.

**LIBYA** - Civilians evacuated from the war-ravaged western Libyan city of Misrata have described the humanitarian situation there as grim, saying families are barely able to find enough food and water, that medical treatment is hard to come by, and corpses are lying in the streets.

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