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## WUHAN VIRUS: NUMBER OF CASES IN CHINA TOPS 800, DEATH TOLL HITS 26

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China confirmed 830 cases of patients infected with the new coronavirus as of Jan 23, while the death toll from the virus has risen to 26, the National Health Commission said on Friday (Jan 24).

The body said authorities were also examining 1,072 suspected cases of the virus.

The virus, which started in Wuhan city in Hubei province, has since spread to other major cities including Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Cases have been confirmed in Singapore, Japan, Thailand, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam and the United States.

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Thursday called the outbreak "an emergency in China" but stopped short of declaring the epidemic of international concern.

The National Health Commission said the death toll was revised upward following eight new deaths on Thursday, and 259 new cases reported across the country.

Out of the total 830 confirmed cases, 177 were in serious condition, it added.

Thirty-four people have been "cured and discharged".

Read more at: https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/wuhan-virus-pneumonia-coronavirus-china-deaths-12319316

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