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BELGRADE, Feb. 21 (Xinhuanet) — Fatal H5N1 bird flu virus has been confirmed in a wild swan found dead last week on a Croatian island, announced spokesman of Croatia's Agriculture Ministry Mladen Pavic on Tuesday, local media reported.

Veterinary authorities detected the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus in the dead swan which was found on the southern island of Ciov.

Related government departments have already set up a headquarters on the island, Pavic said, speaking from the capital city of Zagreb.

A three kilometer isolation zone surrounding the beach where the swan was found has been set up, he added.

Croatia detected the H5N1 strain of bird flu in October last year but managed to control its spread with stringent measures. The country has banned imports of all products related to poultry from countries in which H5NI bird flu virus continues to spread, including Slovenia, Italy, Bulgaria and Greece. Enditem

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