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Title:	Bird flu scare as more crows die in Agar-Malwa district, Madhya Pradesh			
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Five more crows were found dead in Agar-Malwa district on Monday, increasing the death toll of the bird to 38 in the last 24 hours strengthening fear of bird flu outbreak.

According to local veterinary officials, they on Monday found as many as five crows dead in Mutton Market area. In the same locality, the veterinary and civic body officials have so far found as many as 38 carcasses of said birds in the last 24 hours after the crows met 'unusual death'.

"We have sent some samples of the dead crows to a Bhopal-based laboratory to confirm the cause of the death. Remaining carcasses have been buried in the trenching ground while taking full precautions" the deputy director of veterinary department Dr SV Kousarwal said.

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He added that Mutton Market and nearby areas have been sanitized. "We are waiting for the laboratory reports to come to decide further course of actions" the senior veterinary official said.

Meanwhile, 'unusual death' of crows has once again left a large number of people, who are associated with poultry business, worried as around a year ago, spread of H5N8 Avian Influenza, which had claimed life of hundreds of birds in at least a dozen districts including Agar, Mandasaur, Indore and Khandwa of the state, had caused them huge loss.

Within the first fortnight of January this year, death of around 2,500 'Kadakhnath' birds had been reported due to H5N1 influenza in the tribal-dominated Jhabua district, which is also famous for farming of said rare breed of chicken. The black chickens were meant to be delivered to former captain of Team India Mahendra Singh Dhoni for farming as part of his post-retirement plan.

The situation had forced the state government to take many preventive measures, banning import of chicken from southern states and stepping up surveillance at poultries.

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