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DENGUE CASES ON THE RISE

Due to the recent episodes of rain and following the large numbers of people travelling within and outside the country during this time of the year, we are experiencing outbreaks of dengue in some areas of the country. Dengue haemorrhagic fever and dengue shock syndrome, which are more severe forms of the disease, are also being reported.

In 2009, there were a total of 773 dengue cases reported from around the country, while the figure for 2010, to date, stands at 913. Two deaths attributable to dengue occurred this year, the second of which occurred this week.

As dengue is a disease spread by mosquitoes, please ensure that there are no mosquito breeding grounds in households and public areas by inspecting them at least once a week and destroying or disposing safely of any vessels that retain water. In addition, we advise all to use mosquito nets or mosquito repellent for personal protection.

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