

# Africa girl dies of new eye-bleeding fever, feared to be worse than Black Death

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The symptoms of the mystery disease include headaches, bleeding, vomiting, diarrhoea and muscle pains, according to the Daily Star Sunday.

According to preliminary reports, a health team rushed to disinfect the girl's house and put her in a body bag after she died in the Nakaseke District of central

Uganda.

A relative of the dead girl said that the family had been left in the dark about burial arrangements while health officials rushed to contain the disease.

Three people were earlier reported to have died in South Sudan last week of a similar viral fever.

The medieval Black Death, caused by the bubonic plague, killed around 100million people in Europe after reaching the continent in 1347.

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