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Novel coronavirus infection claims 2 more lives, raising toll to 11

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USPA News - An elderly man from the United Arab Emirates who was infected with the new novel coronavirus (nCoV) died at a hospital in southern Germany on Tuesday, international health authorities said, while another patient in the United Kingdom also succumbed to the SARS-like virus. The World Health Organization (WHO) said it had been informed by the Robert Koch Institute in Germany that a 73-year-old man from the United Arab Emirates died on Tuesday.

The patient had been flown by air ambulance from a hospital in Abu Dhabi to Munich on March 19 before being diagnosed with the novel coronavirus on Saturday. Meanwhile, the index patient in a family cluster in Britain also died of the illness, raising the overall death toll to eleven. The victim had remained in intensive care for more than a month before and investigations previously revealed that the man had recently traveled to Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. The new nocoronavirus first emerged in the Middle East last year and is part of a group of viruses that causes ailments such as the common cold and SARS. Investigators say there is still no evidence of continuous human-to-human transmission.

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