

Migratory Birds & Zoonotic Diseases Scenario

Reinforcing Non-Proliferation Norms in the Disinformation Age



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ZOONOTIC DISEASES IN BIRDS



Introduction

The scenario takes place in a water reserve while an international group of researchers is collecting migratory birds in the context of a research project to address health related issues. At the same time, group of tourists is touring the reserve with a guide, and the group watched the team. The tourists become eager to enquire of the guide about the researchers and their work. Ali is a local person and he works inside the reserve. He is attempting to explain to the visitors what they did. Ali indicates the tourists to speak with a member of the project team who is running an awareness campaign and handing out brochures about bird diseases to locals and visitors to the reserve. The researcher starts clarifying to the tourists the disinformation related to their research activities.

This work is prepared to raise the awareness of nonproliferation norms in disinformation age. During and after COVID-19 pandemic, some people start claiming that scientists in given countries are using their research to build biological weapons or to use animals as a route to transmit zoonotic and infectious diseases to hostile countries.

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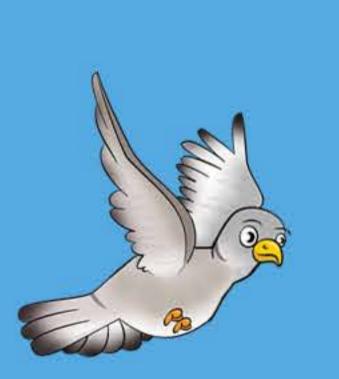






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