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Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has always raised its voice on health issues of the public because health of the people always matter for us. **The reports regarding viral diseases in chicken have been reported in section of the press and media. Pakistan Poultry Association has also recently confirmed these reports** and claimed that farmers are facing poultry deaths massively due to these viral diseases. According to the association the poultry death rate is so high that many farmers have shut down their business. **This shows that the diseases have widely spread in chicken and in the circumstances it is obvious that unhealthy chicken is being sold in the market.** Unfortunately there are reports in the media that some ravenous people are sailing even dead chicken to their particular customers on the cheaper rates.

Black sheep in the market are playing with the health and lives of the innocent people mercilessly. The black sheep involved in this heinous crime should be dealt firmly and punished according to the law.

PMA also request all the provincial governments to activate their respective food departments because it is their failure that people are eating rotten and infected chicken.

In the present situation we advise public to buy healthy and active chicken and get it slaughtered in your presence, do not buy stale chicken in any way.

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