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### **Outbreak of Bolivian Hemorrhagic Fever (BHF) Confirmed in the Department of Beni, Itenez Province, Bolivia**

The National Health Information System of the Ministry of Health and Sports of Bolivia reported the occurrence of two cases of Bolivian Hemorrhagic Fever (BHF) in the Department of Beni, Itenez Province, localities of Huacareje and Magdalena—an endemic area for BHF.

Both patients, aged 30 and 16 respectively, died between 11 and 17 June 2004; to date, no more human cases have been reported in the above areas. On 23 June, the laboratory reported the serological confirmation for the Machupo Virus in one of the cases; the other is still pending.

The health authorities are undertaking control actions, capturing rodents, and actively seeking cases in the affected areas, as well as using rodent-killers in the urban areas of the endemic zone.

**Source:** Report to PAHO by the National System of Health Information (*Sistema Nacional de Información en Salud*) of the Ministry of Health and Sports (*Ministerio de Salud y Deportes*) of Bolivia.