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Number of HIV positive cases on the rise

in Czech Republic

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Prague, Jan 28 (CTK) - A total of 147 new HIV positive cases were registered in the 10-million Czech Republic in 2008, which has been the highest rise since the mid 1980s when HIV virus started to be tested in the country, Miroslav Hlavaty, head of the House of Light helping people with AIDS/HIV, told ČTK.

In 2007, 122 new HIV positive cases were reported in the Czech Republic.

AIDS developed in 26 cases and nine died of it in 2008. In 2007, 30 people got AIDS and 10 died.

Since 1986, 265 people suffered from AIDS and 142 of them have died in the Czech Republic, Hlavaty said, referring to statistical data from the State Health Institute Prague (SZU) and the Czech AIDS Help Society (CSAP).

Ten new cases of HIV infection were registered in the Czech Republic last December only.

The total number of HIV positive persons in the Czech Republic has reached 997, or 1189 if those who have died are included.

According to statistics, 80 percent of HIV positive persons are men. The highest incidence is in the capital of Prague with 466 registered HIV positive cases.

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) estimates that one-fifth of HIV positive persons in the Czech Republic, or some 300, are not aware of being infected, Hlavaty said, adding that the figure is even higher in his opinion.

Moreover, 304 HIV positive foreigners without a permanent residence permit live in the Czech Republic. Most of them come from Africa (97) and Eastern Europe (96).

The infection was in most cases transferred by homosexual intercourse, followed by heterosexual intercourse. Only few people got infected via an intravenous application of drugs.

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