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Scorpions sting more than 500 people in Egypt - 18th November, 2021

Level 0

Scorpions stung 500 people in Egypt. Heavy rain brought hundreds of scorpions into people's homes. Many people went to hospital. Doctors gave them injections. Some people were in a lot of pain and had fever. A weather expert asked farmers to be careful in their fields. He also asked people to be careful of snakes.

The scorpions are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". They can kill a human in an hour. They live in the mountains. The weather expert asked people to wear shoes. He said scorpion numbers would go down after the rain dried up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpions are deadly.

Level 1

Scorpions stung 500 people in Egypt. Heavy rain brought hundreds of scorpions into the streets and people's homes this week. Many people went to hospital. Doctors gave them injections and the people went home. Some people were in pain, had fever and were vomiting. Hospitals are on alert for more people with stings. A weather expert said farmers should be careful in their fields. He also asked people to be careful of snakes.

People are worried because the scorpions are dangerous. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". Their venom can kill a human in an hour. The scorpions live in the mountains. The weather expert said people should wear proper shoes. He said scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion species are deadly.

Level 2

Scorpions stung over 500 people in Egypt. Heavy rain forced hundreds of scorpions into the streets and people's homes earlier this week. Many people had to go to hospital. Doctors gave them anti-venom injections. The people went home after having the jab. Those stung by the scorpions had severe pain, fever, vomiting and diarrhoea. Hospitals are now on alert, just in case more people are stung. A weather expert said farmers in the area should be careful, especially in their fields. He asked people to be careful of snakes, which were also seen after the rain.

People are worried because the scorpions are very dangerous. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". They are among the most dangerous scorpions in the world. Their venom is very poisonous and can kill a human in an hour. The scorpions live in the mountains. They rarely come into contact with humans. The weather expert said people should wear proper footwear when they went outside. He said the scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion species are deadly.

Level 3

More than 500 people have been stung by scorpions in Aswan, Egypt. Heavy rain forced hundreds of the eight-legged creatures into the streets and into people's homes earlier this week. Many of the people who were stung had to go to hospital. Doctors gave them anti-venom injections. The people were able to go home after having the jab. Those stung by the scorpions had symptoms including severe pain, fever, vomiting and diarrhoea. The Health Ministry has put hospitals on alert just in case more people are stung. A weather expert asked farmers in the area to be careful, especially when planting crops. In addition, he asked people to be careful of snakes, which were also seen after the rain.

People in Aswan are worried because the scorpions in their town are very dangerous. They are Arabian fat-tailed scorpions. Their nickname is "man-killer". The Al Jazeera news agency says they are among the most dangerous scorpions in the world. The venom in their sting is very poisonous and can kill a human within an hour. However, fat-tailed scorpions live in the mountains and rarely come into contact with humans. The weather expert advised people to wear proper footwear when they went outside to avoid getting bitten. He said the scorpion numbers would go down after the rainwater dried up. Less than one per cent of the world's scorpion species are deadly.