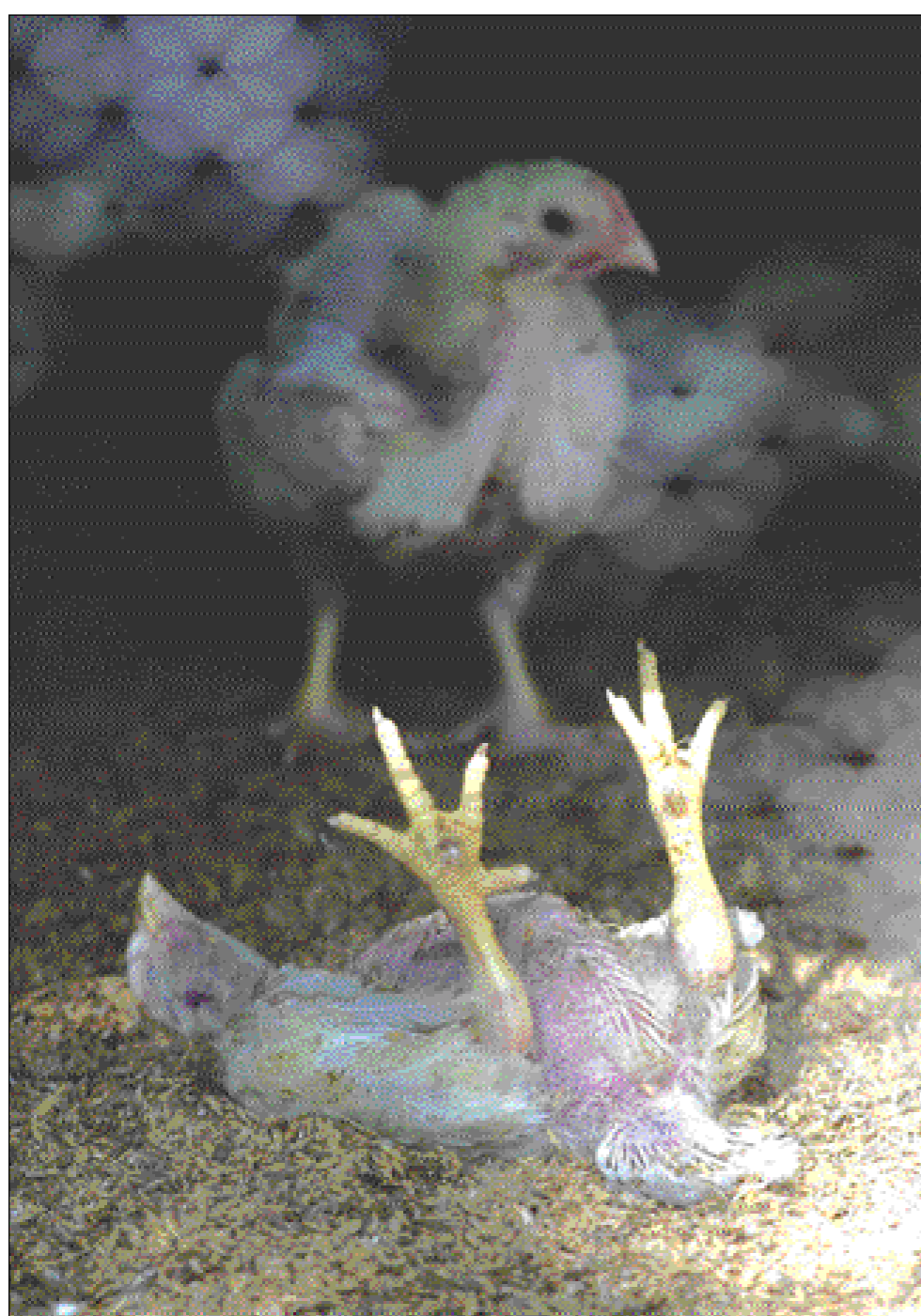


Daily News Photo Essay: Bird Flu



BIRD FLU: (Avian Influenza or (H5N1) virus) outbreaks in Asia have prompted the cull of tens of thousands of ducks and chickens to prevent the spread of the disease. As the human death toll continues to grow, many are concerned that the virus will mutate and trigger a human pandemic.

Bird flu has not reached the Island up to now according to the health authorities in Sri Lanka. Therefore, the public should not be afraid of consuming Chicken and Eggs. Sri Lankan health authorities have not found any positive case with the Bird Flu (Avian Influenza- A (H5N1) virus) until today.

But the Bird Flu fear had reduced the sale of Chicken and Eggs by 67% in the market. This new crisis had created many economic and social problems.

Sri Lankans do not have to fear the Avian Influenza- (H5N1) virus as this can be killed fast with the usual Sri Lankan food habit of cooking chicken at 100-Centigrade temperature.

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