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JAKARTA: Indonesia is investigating the case of an Australian who is believed to have been infected with HIV while getting a tattoo on the resort island of Bali, an official said yesterday.

"We received a report about this case from the health ministry and officials will be visiting tattoo parlours to verify this claim," Bali health department chief Nyoman Sutedja told AFP.

"At this point, we are still investigating. We can't say for sure if the patient caught the virus from getting a tattoo or sexual contact," he added.

There are currently 4,200 HIV/AIDS cases on Bali, Sutedja said.

Australian health authorities on Friday said a patient diagnosed with HIV probably contracted the virus while being tattooed on the island.

They did not reveal any details of the individual concerned.
— AFP