**Aids research**

Tokyo: A Japanese Aids researcher says it is too early to determine whether a substance his team has developed from the blood of crabs will prove effective in blocking the spread of the Aids-causing virus in humans.

Hideki Nagashima, a biologist at Tokyo Medical and Dental University, was commenting on a Japanese television report on Friday that the substance, labeled T22, will completely prevent the spread of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).