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Bangladesh:

26 Dec: Bird flu in Kaliakoir Upazila, Gazipur

At least 0.15 million fowls were culled and 0.25 million eggs destroyed at a poultry farm in Kaliakoir Upazila in Gazipur district soon after the avian influenza virus was confirmed on Monday. The samples from the dead fowls were collected and tested at Gazipur Livestock Research Centre which confirmed presence of bird flu virus in the samples. Re-tests carried out at Central Animal and Poultry Diseases Detection and Research Centre in Dhaka on Monday confirmed that the hens died of bird flu. [[more](#)]

India:

23 Dec: Two minors die of encephalitis in Uttar Pradesh, toll 591

A child each from Kushinagar and Basti districts succumbed to the encephalitis yesterday at BRD Medical college hospital. As many as 3,501 patients of Japanese Encephalitis and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome were admitted to different government hospitals of Gorakhpur and Basti divisions this year, of which 591 died. This year, patients from Bihar and Nepal were also admitted to BRD college, the sources said, adding that 52 patients from Bihar and three from Nepal succumbed to the disease in the hospital. [[more](#)]

Nepal:

27 Dec: Bird flu in Sitapaila VDC-1, Kathmandu

According to the Directorate of Animal Health (DoAH), the bird flu virus was detected at a farm in Sitapaila VDC-1 of Kathmandu district. Following the outbreak, samples were collected from suspicious farms and analyzed at the central veterinary laboratory which confirmed the infection. Rapid response teams were mobilized immediately after confirmation of the virus and culled all 2,240 chickens at the farm and destroyed chicken feed and eggs stored at the farm. They have also completed the first phase of disinfection at the farm. This farm is about 50 meters from a farm where the bird flu virus was confirmed some three days ago in Ramkot-6. [[more](#)]

25 Dec: Bird flu confirmed in Ramkot-6, Kathmandu

The central veterinary laboratory under the Directorate of Animal Health (DoAH) had confirmed bird flu virus in the poultry farm in Ramkot-6 of Kathmandu district two days ago. DoAH said 2,500 chickens in the farm had already died due to disease and the rapid response team destroyed 19,444 eggs. The owner had informed the veterinary officials after chickens in his farm started dying. The rapid response teams of District Animal Health Office Kathmandu will destroy poultry droppings and continue disinfecting the farm. The central veterinary laboratory had also confirmed a strain of H5N1 virus in a poultry farm in Dharke of Dhading district two weeks ago. [[more](#)]

Others:

20 Dec: Animal diseases pose big challenge to human health: WHO Chief

Animal diseases emerging at an alarming pace are posing a big challenge to human health, the chief of the UN health body warned on Thursday. More than 30 new diseases emerged to cause diseases in humans in the last three decades, and more than 70 per cent of them came from the animal sector, Margaret Chan, Director-General of the WHO, said in Hong Kong. When animal diseases infect the human species to cause diseases in people, it is crucial to ensure the ability for the health sector and the agriculture sector to work well together, making sure the interface is well handled. [[more](#)]