



BANGLADESH

Evidence of Ebola virus found in Asia for the first time

16 Jan 2013: The new study indicates that bats in Bangladesh could be an animal reservoir for Ebola. There haven't been any reported cases of Ebola in the country, but this means there is potential. Between April 2012 and March 2011, researchers tested several species of bats for antibodies to Ebola-related viruses. They found anti-Ebola antibodies in 5 of the 276 bats (3.5 percent) they tested from the region. The antibodies they found were specifically a reaction to Ebola Zaire, the most dangerous of the viral strains. [read more](#)

DLS intensifies its experimental bird flu immunization programme

12 Jan 2013: Department of Livestock Services (DLS) has intensified its experimental bird flu immunization programme in two districts vulnerable to bird flu as part of its preventive measure to protect the country's poultry industry from Avian Influenza. DLS has targeted to distribute 36.0 million vaccines during the experiment at 2250 farms in Gazipur district and Bajitpur Upazila under Kisorganj district. [read more](#)

BHUTAN

Foot & Mouth Disease outbreak in Ugyentse Geog, Samtse Dzongkhag

15 Jan 2013: Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak have occurred in Jangtsa & Ngatshang Villages in Ugyentse Geog under Samtse Dzongkhag by the last week of December 2012. A total of 12 animals in three households were affected from about 305 susceptible animals in the two villages. [read more](#)

INDIA

Steps taken to prevent monkey fever in Tamil Nadu

13 Jan 2013: With some forest areas of Karnataka that border Tamil Nadu reporting an outbreak of Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), known as Monkey Fever, precautionary measures have been stepped up in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) near here. As many as 500 vials of the vaccine were obtained from Karnataka and health officials from that State and from Tamil Nadu vaccinated the forest staff including anti-poaching watchers and workers. [read more](#)

NEPAL

Bird flu confirmed in four poultry farms in Kaski

16 Jan 2013: The government has confirmed bird flu in four poultry farms in Kaski that had recently reported sudden chicken deaths. Lab tests of sample conducted in Pokhara, Kathmandu and the United Kingdom confirmed that the chicken had died of avian influenza. Of the 35 samples collected from different poultry farms in Pokhara, tests confirmed bird flu in four samples. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

Unidentified disease claimed six deer

12 Jan 2013: A mysterious disease has claimed the lives of six female deer in Karachi Zoo during the last few days. The outbreak of the deadly virus, is suspected to be generated by the piles of excretion of birds which were nested in the zoo's trees. The post-mortem reports revealed that the animals had died of internal bleeding. [read more](#)

OTHERS

USA (New York) H5 LPAI, Poultry

14 Jan 2013: A Muscovy duck from a Brooklyn, NY, Live Bird Market tested positive by rRT-PCR specific for the hemagglutinin H5 gene and negative for the neuraminidase N1 gene of avian influenza virus. The amino acid sequencing at the hemagglutinin protein cleavage site is compatible with North American low pathogenic avian influenza. The market underwent an immediate sell down, closure, and cleaning and disinfection. [read more](#)