



BHUTAN

Foot and mouth disease proficiency testing

05 Feb 2013: National Centre for Animal Health, Serbithang has participated in the foot and mouth disease vaccine quantification using liquid phase blocking ELISA, proficiency testing programme organized by Regional Support Unit under FAO-ECTAD Kathmandu for SAARC countries. [read more](#)

BANGLADESH

Nipah infection in 2013

05 Feb 2013: Twelve nipah cases were identified among them ten died (mortality rate 83%); 2 cases are still under treatment. These cases are from 8 districts (Gaibandha, Natore, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Rajbari, Pabna, Jhenaidah, Mymensingh). Age distribution of cases are 8 months to 43 years among them 8 are male. Till February, 2013, a total of 177 human cases of nipah infection in Bangladesh were recognized from outbreak among them 138 (78%) died. [read more](#)

Ulcerative disease in fishes of the Hakaluki Haor

05 Feb 2013: Outbreak of ulcerative disease has been reported from the largest Haor (water body) of Moulvibazar district which is very rich in fresh water fish wealth. The disease has been seen in almost every part of the Haor which spread over more than two Upazilas. Boal (Wallago) and Pangus (yellow tail cat fish) are seen to be more affected by the disease though other varieties are also affected. The disease has taken an epidemic proportion and outbreak at the beginning of the breeding season of Pangus is alarming. Upazila fisheries officer has already inspected the haor area and confirmed the presence of [Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome](#) and informed that an outbreak of the same was noticed earlier in 2009. District fisheries officer has indicated severe cold as an important risk factor for the outbreak of the disease. (Translated from Bangla). [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

Chickens and eggs: sales slump after bird flu scare

06 Feb 2013: Bird flu fear has brought down the sale of chicken and other poultry items by 50 to 60 per cent, greatly affecting people depending on the industry. According to a survey conducted by *Business Recorder*, it was noted that the prices of chicken and other poultry item had slumped by 30-40 per cent as people were reluctant to purchase chicken meat after the report of out-break of bird-flu. "We successfully prevented the avian influenza (H5N1) at zero-rate in the last seasonal period," said a poultry expert. He further said they had also recommended dealers to continue vaccination, but the virus spread due to discontinuation of vaccination. [read more](#)

Crimean-congo hemorrhagic fever patient discharged

05 Feb 2013: A patient, with a confirmed case of Crimean-congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) in Islamabad, was discharged by the Pakistan institute of medical sciences (PIMS) on Monday. She was admitted last week with high-grade fever and severe bleeding from her nose and gums. However, doctors failed to find out how the patient got infected with the virus. She had no recent history of travel or contact with any cattle carrying ticks which are the primary carriers of the disease. [read more](#)

OTHERS

OIE support to rabies endemic countries: a vaccine bank in Asia

24 Jan 2013: The OIE, with the support of its subregional representation in Bangkok (Thailand), is currently managing a rabies vaccine bank in Asia with the financial support of the European Union, under the framework of the regional cooperation programme on Highly Pathogenic and Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases in Asia (HPED). This first regional rabies vaccine bank was launched in early 2012. The rabies vaccine bank delivers vaccines to eligible countries (according to donor requirements) at the request of Delegates to the OIE (official country representatives of national Veterinary Services), allowing effective public/private partnerships between international organisations, national authorities, local authorities, NGOs and private companies to be established. [read more](#)