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BANGLADESH

14 Feb 2013: Bird flu: 2,000 fowls culled in Chuadanga district

Over 2000 fowls have been culled following detection of bird flu virus at a poultry farm in Islampara area of Chuadanga district town in Khulna division. Livestock officer sent samples from the farm to Dhaka for tests. The laboratory confirmed the detection of bird flu the following morning. After the report, Deputy Commissioner at an urgent meeting asked a team led by the livestock officer to cull the chickens. *read more*

13 Feb 2013: Fourteen Nipah cases were identified

Fourteen Nipah cases were identified among them 12 died (mortality rate 86%); 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. *read more*

INDIA

11 Feb 2013: Six-year-old diagnosed with rabies infection in Margao, Goa

A six-year-old girl from Margao was diagnosed with rabies infection on Sunday at the Hospicio Hospital, Margao, and is now undergoing treatment in an isolation ward. It appears that that the patient had not taken the anti-rabies vaccine following a dog-bite. The incident has caused a sense of alarm among the residents over the steep increase in the rise of the stray dog population in the city. *read more*

10 Feb 2013: Haemorrhagic septicaemia suspected behind death of cows in Kerala

The death of 11 cows at a private farm in Payippad, Kottayam, on February 4 and 5 could be due to haemorrhagic septicaemia, according to preliminary investigations carried out by the Department of Animal Husbandry. Organ and blood samples of the dead cows had also been sent to the regional laboratories at Thiruvalla and Palode for testing. The press note said the report establishing the cause of death was expected to be submitted in two days. Veterinary doctors, who carried out the post-mortem examination, had reported symptoms of haemorrhagic septicaemia. *read more*

10 Feb 2013: Alert sounded in tribal areas for Kyasanur Forest Disease

A heath alert has been sounded in the tribal areas and border villages of the district for a zoonotic disease - Kyasanur Forest Disease – after it caused the death of a Black Langur in Mudhumalai area of the Niligiris district. Surveillance for suspicious deaths of wild and domestic animals have been stepped up in areas such as Karamadai, Anaikatti, Palamalai and Mettupalayam. While no transmission to humans had been reported in Coimbatore or other parts of the State so far, 11 human cases were reported within the past ten days at Gundlupet - the last town in Karnataka en route to Udhagamandalam - of which one person died. *read more*

NEPAL

12 Feb 2013: H5N1 outbreaks in Nepal

Four HPAI outbreaks were reported by media during this week. Three outbreaks occurred in Kathmandu in the central region while another outbreak occurred in Japha district in the eastern part of Nepal. Media reported that infection is spreading from infected hatcheries to the field. see outbreak map

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12 Feb Kathmandu district, Setidevi VDC-4   *read more*   11 Feb Jhapa district, Anarmani VDC-1 *read more*

SRI LANKA

07 Feb 2013: Japanese encephalitis epidemic scare engulfs Sabaragamuwa province

Medical Officer of Health, in the Ratnapura District, commenced vaccinating infants and children, between the ages of nine months and ten years, for Japanese encephalitis, following an increase in cases since last December. The disease had claimed 11 lives, while there were over 40 patients with Japanese encephalitis reported in the district already. The large number of mosquitoes and the increase in the domestic and wild pig population in the district had led to the situation. There were 2,300 domestic pigs and an unknown number of wild boar inhabiting the area. A programme to vaccinate domestic pigs had also been initiated simultaneously. *read more*