



## BANGLADESH

### 05 Mar 2013: None left Nipah-affected

Health and Family Welfare Minister on Tuesday informed Parliament that no one in the country was left infected by the bat-borne Nipah virus. Replying to a question the minister said 138 people have died out of the 196 infected by Nipah virus since 2001. "Fourteen people died out of 16 infected by Nipah in 2013 so far and there is none affected by the virus." [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 25 Feb 2013: One person died due to Leishmaniasis in Kerala

Leishmaniasis, a kind of fever widely reported in the northeast states, has reached Kerala shores. One person died due to the severity of the new found disease in Kozhikode district. Migrant labourers from Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal are the carriers of leishmaniasis. The fever has claimed many lives in these states. Experts in the health department have warned of the spread of the disease through migrant labourers in the state. They have also identified the species of sand fly that can transmit the virus through biting in Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode, and Eranakulam. A native of Kozhikode who worked as an agent for providing migrant labourers died 2 months ago due to the disease. [read more](#)

### 07 Mar 2013: Monkey fever: precautionary measures stepped up in Tamil Nadu

Steps to create awareness about Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), popularly known as monkey fever, have been intensified in various parts of the Nilgiris district in Tamil Nadu, particularly forest areas, according to a press note issued here on Wednesday by Nilgiris Collector. Though monkey fever cases have not been reported so far from any part of the district, officials of the department of public health and preventive medicine are maintaining a constant vigil as places like Masinagudy are close to the Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka where monkey fever cases have been reported. Blood samples of insects and human beings taken from the border areas of the Nilgiris and sent to the National Institute of Virology in Pune have tested negative. [read more](#)

## PAKISTAN

### 24 Feb 2013 : Leishmaniasis outbreak in Khyber Agency: 1,300 cases reported since January

The number of patients infected by leishmaniasis has increased rapidly in Khyber Agency of north western Pakistan, with nearly 1,300 cases reported in two months. Authorities fear the number of leishmaniasis cases may increase further if proper steps to control the infection are not taken. According to Khyber Agency surgeon, there were 1,085 cases in Landi Kotal, 60 in Jamrud and 155 in Bara. There might be some cases in Tirah valley as well, but they cannot report them because vaccination teams cannot visit the area. Around 700 patients had been treated so far, while over 100 injections were administered to patients whose condition was not severe. [read more](#)

## OTHERS

### 06 Mar 2013: Novel coronavirus infection - update

The Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia has informed WHO of a new confirmed case of infection with the novel coronavirus (NCoV). The patient, a 69-year-old male, was hospitalized on 10 February 2013 and died on 19 February 2013. Preliminary investigation indicated that the patient had no contact with previously reported cases of NCoV infection and did not have recent history of travel. To date, WHO has been informed of a global total of 14 confirmed cases of human infection with NCoV, including eight deaths. Of the total number, seven cases, including five deaths, have been reported from Saudi Arabia. Based on the current situation and available information, WHO encourages all Member States (MS) to continue their surveillance for severe acute respiratory infections (SARI) and to carefully review any unusual patterns. [read more](#)

### 04 Mar 2013: FAO sets up animal influenza reference centre in China

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations on Monday designated an animal influenza lab in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province as the Reference Center for Animal Influenza of the FAO. The Animal Influenza Laboratory (AIL), which belongs to the Harbin Veterinary Research Institute (HVRI) of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, is located in the provincial capital Harbin. The AIL is the first FAO-recognized reference centre in China and the second in the world. The HVRI will share information and jointly carry out animal influenza supervision, prevention and control programs with the FAO, as well as provide data on the epidemiology and influenza virus evolution in Asia and offer consultation on vaccines and immunity, said Dr. Juan Luborth, chief veterinary officer (CVO) of the FAO. [read more](#)