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BANGLADESH

02 Apr 2013: Fresh fatal human cases of Nipah in Bangladesh

From 12 March to date five new Nipah cases with four deaths have been reported. During this year a total of 24 Nipah cases were identified among them 21 died (mortality rate 88%). These cases are from 14 districts (Gaibandha, Natore, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Rajbari, Pabna, Jhenaidah, Mymensingh, Nilphamari, Chittagong, Kurigram, Kustia, Magura, Manikganj). Age distribution of cases are 8 months to 60 years among them 15 are male and 9 are female. [read more](#)

INDIA

27 Mar 2013: Nagaland pig disease found to be classical swine fever

The disease which killed around 40 pigs in Aizawl during the past two weeks, was found to be 'classical swine fever', officials of the Mizoram Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department said here today. Laboratory tests at the Veterinary Science College at Selesih identified the disease as classical swine fever, but tests on samples conducted outside the state was being awaited. The department had earlier announced that 30,000 doses of vaccine for classical swine fever was purchased and delivered to offices concerned. [read more](#)

NEPAL

04 Apr 2013: Bird flu suspected in Chitwan and Nawalparasi districts

After the Central Veterinary Laboratory in Kathmandu confirmed one of the subtypes of avian influenza virus on the samples gathered from the farm in Bharatpur, Chitwan, the District Bird Flu Control Committee (DBFCC) had deployed a rapid response team to the virus affected site to cull the chickens on Tuesday night. The team culled more than 2,000 chickens in the affected poultry farm in Shradpur of Bharatpur-8 and destroyed 110 crates of eggs and 250 kg feed to contain the spread of the disease. Meanwhile, bird flu virus was also confirmed in Mukundapur of Nawalparasi district. [read more](#)

03 Apr 2013: Bird flu suspected in Jhapa district

Over 3,500 chicks were slaughtered at Bahundangi Village Development Committee, Ward No. 1 of Jhapa district on Tuesday following an outbreak of the bird flu (H5N1) virus. The Biratnagar based Regional Veterinary Laboratory confirmed the outbreak of avian flu at the poultry farm on Monday. [read more](#)

INFLUENZA A(H7N9)

04 Apr 2013: Human infection with influenza A(H7N9) in China - update

The Chinese health authorities notified WHO of an additional four laboratory-confirmed cases, including three deaths, due to human infection with influenza A(H7N9). The three fatal cases, all men, are a 38-year-old with illness onset on 7 March 2013 from Zhejiang, a 64-year-old with illness onset on 29 March from Zhejiang, and a 48-year-old with illness onset on 28 March from Shanghai. The fourth patient is a 67-year-old man with illness onset on 25 March 2013 from Zhejiang. He is in critical condition. There is no link between the laboratory confirmed cases.

To date, the total number of confirmed cases of human infection with influenza A(H7N9) virus in China is 11, including 5 deaths. More than 400 close contacts of the confirmed cases are being closely monitored. So far, none of them have developed any symptoms of illness. The Chinese government is actively investigating this event and has heightened disease surveillance. Retrospective testing of recently reported cases with severe respiratory infection may uncover additional cases that were previously unrecognized. An inter-government task force has been formally established, with the National Health and Family Planning Commission leading the coordination along with the Ministry of Agriculture and other key ministries. The animal health sector has intensified investigations into the possible sources and reservoirs of the virus. [read more](#)

04 Apr 2013: H7N9 virus detected from pigeons in Shanghai

Samples collected from pigeons at a marketplace selling agricultural products in the Songjiang District of Shanghai tested H7N9 positive by the national avian flu reference laboratory, according to a statement by the Ministry of Agriculture. After gene sequence analysis, the national avian flu reference laboratory concluded that the strain of the H7N9 virus found on pigeons was highly congenetic with those found on persons infected with H7N9 virus. The ministry has ordered beefed-up monitoring of H7N9 bird flu virus in more areas. [read more](#)