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## BANGLADESH

### 29 May 2013: IEDCR reports more cases of cutaneous anthrax in humans

Twenty cases of cutaneous anthrax have been reported from Gopalpur Upazila of Tangail. Earlier, 33 cases had been reported from Sadar Upazila of the same district. Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) have so far reported a total of 64 cases in 2013. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 29 May 2013: Workshop on national surveillance programme for aquatic animal diseases

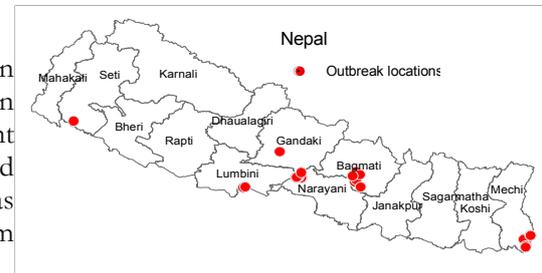
The two-day workshop on national surveillance programme for aquatic animal diseases concluded at National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR) on Tuesday. The national disease surveillance programme being led by NBFGR is being initiated in 14 selected aquaculture-important states in the first phase, initially for five years and would be operated by about 20 leading fisheries institutions of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities of the country.

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## NEPAL

### 26 May 2013: HPAI H5N1: Follow up report No. 08 submitted to OIE

From 11 April to 26 May 2013, a total of 31 outbreaks in poultry were reported in Narayani (14), Bagmati (6), Mechi (6), Lumbini (3), Gandaki (1), Seti (1) zones in chickens and mostly in commercial farms, including two breeder farms with parent stocks. Out of a susceptible population of 122 334, a total of 42 653 birds died, and the remaining population was destroyed. In addition, H5N1 HPAI infection was reported in a wild crow (*Corvus splendens*) found dead on the premises of a custom office at the Nepal-India border of Jhapa District, Mechi Zone. [read more](#)



## SRI LANKA

### 28 May 2013: Human leptospirosis reported from 21 districts

As of 28 May, a total of 226 human leptospirosis cases have been reported from different parts of the country. Out of 25 districts in the country, 21 reported the disease. Among them Gampaha, Kurunegal, Anuradhapura Moneragala districts have reported higher number of cases. 194 cases had been reported during the corresponding period of the last year. [read more](#)

## OTHERS

### 29 May 2013: Novel coronavirus infection - update

The Ministry of Health in Saudi Arabia has notified WHO of an additional five laboratory-confirmed MERS-CoV cases from Eastern region of the country. Globally, from September 2012 to date, WHO has been informed of a total of 49 laboratory-confirmed cases of infection with MERS-CoV, including 27 deaths. The laboratory-confirmed cases have been originated in the following countries in the Middle East to date: Jordan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). France, Germany, Tunisia and the United Kingdom also reported laboratory-confirmed cases; they were transferred for either care of the disease or returned from the Middle East and subsequently became ill. In France, Tunisia and the United Kingdom, there has been limited local transmission among patients who had not been to the Middle East but had been in close contact with the laboratory-confirmed or probable cases. [read more](#)

### 29 May 2013: Human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus

The National Health and Family Planning Commission, China notified WHO of an additional laboratory confirmed case of human infection with Avian Influenza A(H7N9) virus on 29 May. The patient is a six-year-old boy reported from Beijing who became ill on 21 May 2013 and is in stable condition. To date, WHO has been informed of a total of 132 laboratory-confirmed cases, including 37 deaths. So far, there is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission. [read more](#)

### 27 May 2013: Australian scientists export bird flu diagnostic kit to Asia

A new kit developed by Australian scientists to test for the deadly H7N9 bird flu virus is being exported across South-East Asia, in a bid to ensure a prompt response if the virus spreads beyond China. [read more](#)