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BANGLADESH

3 Aug 2013: Five new cutaneous anthrax cases in Meherpur

According to the latest update of Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) Bangladesh, five new cases of cutaneous anthrax have been reported in the first week of August from Gangni upazila of Meherpur district, bringing the total number of reported cases this year to 87. To date in this year, 175 cutaneous anthrax cases have been reported in four districts in Bangladesh. [read more](#)

INDIA

3 Aug 2013: Spike in H1N1 cases worries Delhi doctors

Amid a rise in seasonal diseases in the city, doctors here claim that the most worrying trend is the increase in H1N1 (swine flu) cases. The virus seems to have returned to haunt the Capital after a lull of a few years. According to central government figures, Delhi has recorded 1,507 cases (as on 26 July 2013) and 16 deaths. The disease had last created a panic-like situation in Delhi in 2009 - 2010. [read more](#)

5 Aug 2013: HPAI outbreak in Chattisgarh: Immediate notification sent to OIE

India has officially notified two new HPAI outbreaks to OIE on 05/08/2013, following the High Security Animal Disease Laboratory, Bhopal confirmed the disease. The outbreaks have affected two poultry farms in Anjora and Jagadalpur in the state of Chattisgarh. [read more](#)

NEPAL

8 Aug 2013: Bird flu confirmed in more farms in Bhaktapur

Bird flu has been confirmed in eight more poultry farms of Bhaktapur a day after the government lifted ban on the sales of chicken products. Thirty two outbreaks have been reported in Bhaktapur alone in the past two weeks. [read more](#)

7 Aug 2013: Government lifts ban on supply of poultry products

Bowing down to pressure from poultry businessmen, the government has decided to lift the ban it had imposed earlier on the supply and sales of poultry products in the capital from Thursday. A meeting between the government agency and the agitating poultry businessmen in the capital on Wednesday reached an agreement to remove the ban. The government had imposed a ban on the supply of the poultry products from Thursday last week following serial outbreak of bird flu in the poultry farms of capital. [read more](#)

6 Aug 2013: Bird flu confirmed in Nawalparasi

Bird flu has been confirmed in Nawalparasi district. A total of 80 chickens and 60 ducks died due to the bird flu in the affected farm in Prasauni-1. Initiative to control the bird flu in the affected areas has been started adopting high alert to control the disease. According to chief district officer, a team comprising the armed police force and nepal police has been deployed for conducting strict checking on the border and a team of veterinarians has been assigned to control the bird flu. Similarly, a technical team will be kept stand by at Gaindakot to prohibit the possible entry of infected fowls in the district from the capital. [read more](#)

5 Aug 2013: Bird flu confirmed in Lalitpur

While the neighbouring Bhaktapur district has been reeling under the recent outbreaks of bird flu, H5N1 virus has also been confirmed in one poultry farm of Imadol, Lalipur district on Monday. Following the confirmation, the authorities have started culling the infected fowls. [read more](#)

OTHERS

6 Aug 2013: Probable person to person transmission of novel avian influenza A (H7N9) virus in Eastern China, 2013

The epidemiological investigation results indicate that the index patient became ill five to six days after his last exposure to poultry. The second patient, his daughter aged 32, who provided unprotected bedside care in the hospital, had no known exposure to poultry. She developed symptoms six days after her last contact with her father. Two strains were isolated successfully from the two patients. Genome sequence and analyses of phylogenetic trees showed that both viruses were almost genetically identical. Forty three close contacts of both patients were identified. One had mild illness but had negative results for avian H7N9 by rRT-PCR. All 43 close contacts tested negative for haemagglutination inhibition antibodies specific for avian H7N9. [read more](#)