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BANGLADESH

24 Aug 2013: Reassortant avian influenza A(H5N1) viruses with H9N2-PB1 gene in poultry, Bangladesh

Finding shows that the HPAI (H5N1) viruses circulating in this area are continuously evolving. Although it is difficult to ascertain where and when the reassortment event occurred, the identification of genetic clustering of the strains analyzed here with subtype H5N1 and H9N2 viruses identified in India confirms intense cross-border transmission between these regions, which has resulted in a favorable epidemiologic system for influenza viruses evolution. [read more](#)

INDIA

22 Aug 2013: Encephalitis kills 30 children in 5 days in Gorakhpur

Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh has been affected by the encephalitis once again with 30 children succumbing to the disease in the past five days. Almost 100 deaths have been reported in August alone with more than 300 children admitted to the BRD hospital. [read more](#)

NEPAL

29 Aug 2013: Bird flu scare sparks Nepal travel warning

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has issued an advisory to all its citizens against traveling to Kathmandu. The advisory comes in the wake of the emergency warning imposed in some parts of Nepal due to the spread of bird flu. The travel advisory from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that all Saudi nationals should refrain from traveling to Nepal because of the outbreak of bird flu in some parts of the country. [read more](#)

27 Aug 2013: Government agency denies bird flu deaths in Nepal

Nepal government's agency on Monday denied death of any Nepalese citizens due to the bird flu virus. Epidemiology and disease control division issued a press release stated that the two women who had died in Bharatpur teaching hospital on Sunday did not had any symptoms of the virus. [read more](#)

27 Aug 2013: Bird flu alert in Tanahun district

Tanahun district administration has gone on high alert to avert an outbreak of bird flu in the district. As part of preventive measures, a meeting of bird flu control coordination committee held on Sunday and banned the supply of chickens in and out of the district, informed district livestock service office Tanahun. [read more](#)

24 Aug 2013: Bird flu in Sindhupalchowk also

At a time when the sale of chickens has been banned in Kathmandu valley following rapid spread of H5N1, bird flu has been detected on four poultry farms in Pagretar village development committee (VDC) of Sindhupalchowk district of Bagmati zone. Around 1,300 chickens on four poultry farms in Pagretar VDC were culled on Saturday. [read more](#)

OTHERS

21 Aug 2013: MERS-CoV - Eastern Mediterranean (57): animal reservoir, bats

Health officials confirmed Wednesday that bats in Saudi Arabia were the source of the mysterious virus that has sickened 96 people in the Middle East, killing 47 of them. The outbreak of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, (MERS-CoV), has been going on for 15 months, with most victims falling ill in Saudi Arabia and others growing sick after having traveled to the middle east. In a study released wednesday an international team of doctors blamed coronavirus in bats for the human outbreak, but said that many questions remained, in part because a perfect match for the virus was found in only a single insect-eating bat out of about 100 Saudi bats tested. And since such bats do not normally bite people, drool on fruit or do other things that might transmit the disease to people, it was still unclear how the virus leapt to humans. [read more](#)