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INDIA

12 Sep 2013: Slaughterhouses to come up at border checkpoints

The animal husbandry department is planning to set up centralized slaughterhouse cum quarantine stations at border checkpoints in the state to keep a tab on the flow of unhygienic and stale meat into the market. The department has already submitted a proposal to local self government (LSG) department regarding acquisition of land. The decision is being mooted in the wake of reports of frequent transport of innards of cattle through border towns into the markets of the state. [read more](#)

NEPAL

18 Sep 2013: Bhaktapur bird flu resurgence fears: Government says no need panic

Government authorities on Tuesday claimed that the general public need not panic on the death of crows in some areas of Bhaktapur district, where a bird flu emergency has been declared. People are worried that the flu is making a comeback after the district witnessed a major outbreak of the H5N1 very recently. Bhaktapur was declared a bird flu emergency zone on August 15 and over one million chickens have been slaughtered since then. [read more](#)

15 Sep 2013: Rabies infection goes unchecked in Jajarkot district

Three villagers have died of rabies infection while dozens more have been suffering from the disease after being bitten by infected stray dogs of Dhime-2 and Roshan BK of Punma-4 in the district. A local resident, said all three of them had relied on herbal medication instead of taking anti rabies vaccine. According to locals, two dozen cattle have also fallen prey to the infected dogs. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

13 Sep 2013: Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) patient in Abbottabad city dies at PIMS

A man from Abbottabad city in the Hazara region of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan has died of CCHF at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), while his father and brother are admitted to the hospital for going down with the same tick-borne zoonotic viral disease. [read more](#)

13 Sep 2013: Health department issues CCHF alert

In view of the transport of sacrificial animals for Eidul Azha, the health department has put all hospitals and executive district officers on high alert for a possible outbreak of Congo fever and directed them to make arrangements to control the disease. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

16 Sep 2013: Leptospirosis: 2900 cases so far this year

The Epidemiology Unit of the Health Ministry has reported that there have been over 2,900 cases, from the beginning of January till the end of last week. Sources said that the biggest surge in rat fever had been reported during the months of March with 716, followed by 504 cases in April and 421 in May 2013. The most vulnerable groups were those who were involved in irrigation work, paddy cultivation, gem mining and those engaged in sewer cleaning. The Epidemiology Chief appealed to the public to seek immediate medical help if they contract fever after being in wet conditions especially in muddy, unclean water for a long time. [read more](#)

OTHERS

16 Sep 2013: Bird flu viruses could re emerge in upcoming flu season

FAO has issued a new warning to the international community that the H7N9 and H5N1 avian influenza viruses continue to pose serious threats to human and animal health, especially in view of the upcoming flu season. "The world is more prepared than ever before to respond to bird flu viruses in light of a decade of work on H5N1 and the recent response to H7N9," said FAO Chief Veterinary Officer, Juan Lubroth at a joint meeting with United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). [read more](#)