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## BANGLADESH

### 13 Oct 2013: Eid al-Adha a blessing for Bangladesh's cattle traders

Thousands of permanent and temporary cattle markets are set up in villages, towns and cities countrywide for the festival. Some cattle are brought from far away places some 250km from Dhaka, to sell them in the capital. During last year's Eid al-Adha some 3.5 million cattle were sacrificed, according to the government's Department of Livestock Service's data. The Bangladesh finished leather, leather goods and footwear exporters association (BFLLEA) put the figure at more than 5 million. It said around 5 million raw hides were collected after Eid. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 17 Oct 2013: FMD outbreak worries animal husbandry officials

The outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) among the cattle, even the vaccinated animals, has been worrying the officials of animal husbandry department. According to sources, at least four FMD cases have been reported in the State of Andhra Pradesh including one animal affected with the disease at the frozen semen bull station in Karminagar. The rest were reported at a research centre in Nandyal of Kunrool district, Tirupati zoo and a private dairy in Ranga Reddy district. Continuous rain in the State in the recent past is being attributed as one of the cause of the outbreak of FMD in the above mentioned incidents. [read more](#)

### 12 Oct 2013: One more dies of suspected leptospirosis in Surat, Gujarat

Twenty four year old male, a resident of Nanpura in Surat, died of the mystery fever on Friday, taking the toll to six. Suspecting it to be a rodent borne disease, the Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) has installed 73 rat traps in different parts of this area. It has sent nine samples of blood, spleen and liver of rats to the National Centre for Disease Control in Delhi for laboratory tests. Many people in other areas in the city, like Chhaprabhata, Singhanpore, Ved Road and Kosad, are suffering from leptospirosis. The SMC officials have begun detailed investigations at Kadarshah ni Naal which was under water for three days following torrential rains. This is a wake up call for the city that was hit by a spell of leptospirosis after the 2006 catastrophic flood. [read more](#)

## PAKISTAN

### 11 Oct 2013: Preventive measures: Tick preventive spray for livestock entering Lakki Marwat district

In order to counter spread of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) virus, the livestock department of Lakki Marwat plans to use tick preventive sprays on sacrificial animals at check posts setup at entry points in the district. District livestock department director said cattle is transported to the district from Punjab and Dera Ismail Khan of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in this season. Hence, they are spraying the preventive substance on an emergency basis. Officials have been deployed at entry points at Darra Pezu to control the arrival of infected animals into the district. [read more](#)

### 10 Oct 2013: First Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) case in Hangu district

The first case of CCHF has been confirmed in Hangu district in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Northern Pakistan. Medical superintendent of the district headquarters hospital, said "25 year old butcher, a resident of Alwara Mela, was brought to the hospital and the doctors suspected that he has Congo fever. Therefore, his blood samples were sent for tests, which confirmed that he is a patient of the fever". He was later shifted to Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences Islamabad for treatment. A team of doctors and World Health Organization visited victims residence and collected blood samples of his family. [read more](#)

## OTHERS

### 14 Oct 2013: Hajj numbers down in 2013 by 1 Million over MERS coronavirus (MERS-CoV) fears

Travel advisories over the deadly Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus infection forced roughly a million pilgrims to forego the trip to Mecca in 2013. The Saudi health ministry announced in July that it would sharply cut back on hajj visas for the young, elderly and unwell, urging them to postpone their pilgrimages in order to curb the spread of MERS-CoV. [read more](#)