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## BANGLADESH

### 25 Dec 2013: Nipah still a major health concern

The spread of Nipah virus (NiV) infection has become a major public health concern for Bangladesh, with thousands of people lacking the proper awareness about the deadly virus. Epidemiologists and health specialists of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) expressed their deep concerns and said a fresh outbreak of NiV could happen any moment with the arrival of winter. As of May 15, 2013, there have been 21 fatalities out of 24 reported cases of NiV infection in Bangladesh since the beginning of 2013, according to IEDCR statistics. [read more](#)

### 21 Dec 2013: Highly pathogenic avian influenza: Follow-up report No. 43 (Final report)

Department of Livestock Services has sent the final HPAI follow up report to OIE on 21/12/2013. There are no new outbreaks in the report. The event is resolved. No more reports will be submitted. The immediate notification of HPAI outbreak was sent on 30/03/2007 to OIE. According to it, the first outbreak reported in a poultry layer farm in Jamalpur, Dhaka on 05/02/2007. The last outbreak occurred in a commercial poultry farm in Rajbari, Dhaka on 09/03/2013 and reported in follow up report 42. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 30 Dec 2013: One more child dies, Bihar encephalitis toll eight

A five year old child suspected to have encephalitis, a condition that causes inflammation of the brain, died in Bihar's Araria district Monday taking the toll from this disease to eight in the last 10 days, officials said. Araria civil surgeon said that while one child died Monday, there were others admitted to hospital with similar symptoms and who were in critical condition. Last week, two children, a four year old and a six year old, died of the disease at Belwa panchayat near Araria town, officials said. Five children were earlier reported to have died in the district. [read more](#)

### 26 Dec 2013: Foot and mouth disease: Kerala bans cattle from Tamil Nadu

Kerala has imposed a ban on cattle brought by traders from Tamil Nadu in view of prevalence of foot and mouth disease in various parts of the state. Animal Husbandary Department officials in Tamil Nadu said lorries carrying the cattle were stopped at various border check posts, including those at Gudalur, Kumili and asked to return. The Kerala government had issued a circular to the check posts not to allow lorries carrying cattle from Tamil Nadu, they said today. [read more](#)

### 24 Dec 2013: Man dies of rabies; 15th case this year in Pune

A 27 year old man succumbed to rabies at the civic run Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital a week ago taking the toll of deaths due to the infection to 15 in the city so far this year. Civic officials said the man was bit by a dog near his right ankle five months ago and that he had taken anti rabies vaccines on scheduled days. [read more](#)

### 23 Dec 2013: Tamil Nadu farmers call for the reopening of the cattle shandies

Farmers' representatives have called for the reopening of the cattle shandies that have remained closed since mid-November in various parts of the central districts following an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the State. The unprecedented decision to suspend the shandies was taken by the authorities to mitigate the spread of FMD through trading activities and transportation, and also to prevent farmers from buying infected animals that may be brought from other districts. [read more](#)

## MALDIVES

### 26 Dec 2013: 242 Chickens die from fowl cholera in Gaadhiffushi

The Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture has said that 242 chickens have died in Thaa Gaadhiffushi between 12 and 20 December, from fowl cholera. The ministry said that post mortems were conducted to determine the cause of death of the chickens, and that samples have been sent abroad to conduct further tests to confirm that the chickens died from fowl cholera. The ministry's Chief Veterinarian has confirmed that the chickens did not die from avian influenza or Newcastle disease. [read more](#)

## OTHERS

### 27 Dec 2013: Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) - 72 deaths to date

On 20 December 2013, WHO has been informed of four additional laboratory confirmed cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) in Saudi Arabia. Two cases are female health workers from Riyadh who have not reported any symptoms. The third case is a 53 year old male from Riyadh who had no exposure to animals and no travel history outside Riyadh region. He had contact with a confirmed case. The fourth case is a 73 year old male from Riyadh who died on December 18, three days after being hospitalized. He had exposure to animals but no travel history. [read more](#)

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