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BANGLADESH

02 Apr 2014: Fourteen diagnosed with anthrax in Sirajganj

Sirajganj Civil Surgeon said that 14 people were found to have been attacked with anthrax as they prepared the meat of a cow, at Raghunathpur village two weeks back. However, symptoms of the disease started appearing in their bodies after seven days. The District Health Department and Upazila Livestock Department gave them treatment locally, while one patient was admitted to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital in a critical condition. A medical team from the health directorate in Dhaka had already visited the village, he added. [read more](#)

28 Mar 2014: Bird flu hits Jessore

Around 7,000 chickens infected with Avian Influenza, commonly known as bird flu, were culled at a government poultry farm in Jessore Thursday night. District Livestock Officer said they had informed the Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police of Jessore after several birds at the farm died of the flu on Mar 24. Chickens, eggs, feed and medicines had been first tested in the farm laboratory. Some of the dead birds were later sent to the Central Disease Investigation Lab in Dhaka for more elaborate testing, he said. A report confirming avian influenza was received Wednesday, prompting the farm authorities to kill 6,868 chickens and destroy 1,882 eggs, 1,300 kg of feed Thursday, according to a news agency. [read more](#)

INDIA

31 Mar 2014: FMD and black quarter disease reported in Jalukie, Nagaland

A written report has been received about an outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD), including suspected black quarter (BQ) in Jalukie valley. A large number of animals, particularly cattle and buffalo, have been affected leading to deaths of animals. The doctors and staff of the department concerned, i.e. Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, are making efforts to take stock of the situation and contain the disease. The general public has been informed to take notice of the prevailing outbreak of animal disease and take all necessary/precautionary measures so as to prevent further widespread of the disease. They have also been cautioned to avoid consumption of meat till such time the situation is brought under control. In this regard, the administration has issued orders to all butchers in Jalukie town not to sell meat of unhealthy animals to the public. [read more](#)

30 Mar 2014: Rabid wolf attacks villagers in Shahera taluka in Panchmahal district, Gujarat

A wolf believed to be suffering from rabies injured six people in a village of Shahera taluka in Panchmahal district. The canine had strayed into the village and later died due to the disease. The wolf was spotted at Narsana village early on Saturday morning at around 7am by villagers. Forest officials said the animal looked visibly irritated and started attacking persons at the village. Six people, who were in the farms or walking on pathways, were targeted by the wolf. Three of the victims were injured seriously in the incident and had to be rushed to Godhra Civil Hospital for treatment. Three others were treated at Shahera community health centre. The body of the wolf was sent for an autopsy that confirmed rabies as the cause of death. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

31 Mar 2014: Anthrax outbreak: Two more blue bulls die, count reaches 14

Two more blue bulls in the Tanda Dam Wildlife Park in Kohat died of anthrax, taking the death toll to 14 animals in the past two weeks. "We have received strict instructions that no dead animal will be taken out of the fencing. It will be buried within the fenced area as a precautionary measure to avoid the disease from spreading," a wildlife department official said adding the livestock department was even avoiding autopsy of the animals. [read more](#)

OTHERS

03 Apr 2014: MERS-CoV contained, says Health Ministry official

A senior official from the Ministry of Health refuted rumors on Wednesday that new cases of coronavirus (MERS-CoV) had been identified in the Al-Kharj district, around 60 km from Riyadh. The undersecretary in the Ministry of Health, told that social media outlets were spreading misleading rumors. "There is no new case of the virus in the Al-Kharj district, the situation is under control Kingdom wide and the ministry has done its part to ensure the threat is contained," he said. There have been 163 cases of coronavirus since September of 2012, 64 of which were fatal. He also said the ministry has been implementing a system to monitor the mutation of the virus both within and outside the Kingdom. [read more](#)

01 Apr 2014: Ebola virus disease (EVD), West Africa – update

As at 31 March 2014, the Ministry of Health of Guinea has reported 122 clinically compatible cases of EVD, of which 24 are laboratory confirmed by PCR. This total number includes 80 deaths, of which 13 (16%) have been laboratory confirmed for EVD and the remaining 67 are considered as probable cases of EVD. These figures correspond to 19 new clinical cases and 14 new deaths since 28 March. As of 30 March, 20 patients remain in isolation. Eleven health care workers are among the probable and suspected cases. [read more](#)

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