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### 13 May 2014: FAO to release laboratory mapping tool on the web

Beginning in 2010, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has created and developed a Laboratory Mapping Tool (LMT). The LMT is a system by which to assess the functionality of veterinary laboratories following a two-tiered process: i) an assessment of laboratory functionality is conducted via a detailed and standardized questionnaire that can be led by an external assessor or via self-assessment; and ii) the data collected is fed into a digital application which generates graphs and tables allowing for a "snapshot" view of a given laboratory's level of functionality and its evolution over time, which can be made on a yearly basis. [read more](#)

### BHUTAN

#### 15 May 2014: Anthrax outbreak in Mongar Dzongkhag

Anthrax outbreak was reported in Lelong village, Narang Geog under Mongar Dzongkhag on 9th May 2014. Out of 8 animals in the herd, 7 died making 87.5% mortality. Dzongkhag Administration, Mongar have carried out detailed investigation and was tentatively diagnosed as Anthrax based on the history, clinical signs & laboratory test. [read more](#)

### INDIA

#### 14 May 2014: European Union (EU) lifts ban on poultry imports from India

The European Union (EU) has lifted a five-year ban on the import of poultry meat from India, albeit with conditions. To export meat products, treated stomachs, bladders and intestines prepared from fresh meat of domestic poultry, including meat of farmed and wild game birds, exporters need an amended model health certificate, to be issued by the Export Inspection Council of India, the European Commission said. [read more](#)

#### 12 May 2014: Fifty one migratory birds tagged near Bhigwan, checked for bird flu

Pune based NGO Ela Foundation and the National Institute of Virology (NIV) screened as many as 51 birds near Bhigwan earlier this month to check the spread of avian influenza among migratory birds. Painted Storks, Grey Herons, Black-headed Ibis, Night Heron and Little Cormorants are some of the bird species tagged this year. "The birds are being screened for avian influenza as per the national policy of screening of wild bird populations. [read more](#)

### NEPAL

#### 11 May 2014: Rabies terror in Dadeldhura, Mahakali

Locals of two remote VDCs of Dadeldhura are terrified that they may contract rabies because they consumed the meat of a goat which was bitten by a jackal. They had eaten the meat at hotel Poornima in Laldhunga market on May 3. Likewise, panic has spread among villagers of Bhadrapur VDC of the district after they were informed that they had consumed the milk of a buffalo which was also bitten by the jackal a week ago. [read more](#)

### PAKISTAN

#### 12 May 2014: Mysterious disease kills 200 camels in Chaghi, Balochistan

A mysterious disease has killed over 200 camels in Baracha area, owner of the camels said today. Owner suffered a loss of millions of rupees as his camels were killed by an unknown disease and said that the government should immediately send a team of doctors to stop the disease from spreading in the whole region. [read more](#)

#### 04 May 2014: Newcastle disease in Tharparkar, Sindh

Five more peacocks succumbed to the deadly viral Newcastle disease due to severe hot weather across Tharparkar district on Sunday, taking the death toll to 32 in a short period of one week. Tharparkar Wild Life Department sources said that five peacocks died due to the viral disease, locally called Ranikhet, on the outskirts of Pabohar village. Locals claim that several more peacocks are still suffering from the disease. [read more](#)

### NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

#### 13 May 2014: New influenza A(H7N9) infection, death cases in Guangdong, China

A new influenza A(H7N9) case had been reported in South China's Guangdong Province, provincial authorities said Tuesday, which also confirmed that a patient with the bird flu virus died earlier this month. So far more than 120 people in China have been infected by the influenza A(H7N9) strain of the bird flu this year, including dozens of deaths. [read more](#)