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BANGLADESH

19 June 2014: MERS-CoV report in Bangladesh looks like false alarm

After further testing, a report of a MERS-CoV (Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus) case in Bangladesh 4 days ago appears to have been a false alarm, a World Health Organization (WHO) official revealed today. "It appears to be negative," WHO spokesman told, referring to confirmatory testing of a sample from the Bangladesh patient. A top Bangladeshi health official reported the case on Jun 15, according to media stories. The patient is a 53-year-old Bangladeshi who lives in the United States and got sick after flying to his homeland on Jun 4, a trip that included a stop in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where dozens of MERS-CoV cases have occurred. [read more](#)

INDIA

22 June 2014: 200 villagers fall ill with symptoms of dengue, rat fever near Dharmapuri district

More than 200 villagers have fallen ill with symptoms of dengue, chikungunya and leptospirosis (rat fever) at Jambukarankottai in Dharmapuri district in Tamil Nadu since Saturday. [read more](#)

20 June 2014: Another woman dies of rabies, Pune toll rises to 15

A 45 year old woman succumbed to rabies at the civic-run Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital on Friday, taking the fatal infection's death toll in the city to 15 this year. Civic officials said the woman was bitten by a dog one and a half months ago and had not taken anti rabies vaccines on the scheduled days. The deceased has been identified as a resident of Priyadarshinagar in old Sangvi. [read more](#)

20 June 2014: Encephalitis toll rises to 124

With the death toll of children suffering from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in Bihar rising to 124 today, Union Health Minister is arriving in Patna on Friday night to take stock of the situation. Altogether 123 people have died in two hospitals here so far, including six in the last 24 hours. Twenty new cases have also come, taking the number of hospitalized children to 670. The patients admitted in Muzaffarpur are local as well as from East Champaran, Sheohar, Sitamarhi, Vaishali and Samastipur districts," said Muzaffarpur Civil Surgeon. [read more](#)

20 June 2014: Highly pathogenic avian influenza: Follow up report No. 1 (Final report) sent to OIE

There are no new highly pathogenic avian influenza virus outbreaks in this report. Previous outbreak was reported in house crow: *Corvus splendens* (Corvidae) from Keonjhar of Orissa on 31/01/2014 and it was resolved on 21/02/2014. [read more](#)

NEPAL

25 June 2014: Foot and mouth disease epidemic in nine eastern districts of Nepal

The epidemic spread of foot and mouth disease in livestock has hit nine eastern districts. After several vaccination campaigns in four districts as a preventive measure, the disease has once again resurfaced in 12 VDCs in Siraha after 10 months. According to a veterinarian of the Regional Veterinary Disease Diagnosis Laboratory (RVDDL) in Biratnagar, 72,500 animals in Khotang, Panthar, Udaypur, Siraha, Saptari, Sunsari, Morang, Ilam, and Jhapa are at risk of contracting the disease. He stated that 1,705 animals had so far contracted the disease during the past nine months, killing 55 of them. The disease, however, came to the limelight as many as 16 times in Jhapa district in the past 10 months. [read more](#)

18 June 2014: Rising number of stray dogs haunts public in Biratnagar

Biratnagar sub-metropolis has registered a steady rise in its stray dog population which has caused a great deal of havoc for the local residents. As the sterilization programme initiated by the sub-metropolis to check the population of street dogs has so far proved ineffective, the number of hounds prowling the streets has continued to rise. A survey conducted by the Regional Veterinary Service Directorate back in 2006 had put the number of stray dogs in Biratnagar metropolis to be at 8,000 while the whole Morang district is said to host an estimated 33,000 stray dogs. [read more](#)

OTHER

18 June 2014: Human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus – update

On 23 June 2014, the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) of China notified WHO of one additional laboratory confirmed case of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus. The patient has a history of exposure to live poultry. The previous report of avian influenza A(H7N9) virus detection in live poultry exported from mainland China to Hong Kong SAR shows the potential for the virus to spread through movement of live poultry. [read more](#)