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BANGLADESH

19 Aug 2014: Black quarter disease taking heavy toll on cattle heads in Rajshahi upazilas

At least 50 cattle heads died on being attacked with Black quarter (BQ) disease in Paba, Bagha and Godagari upazilas of the district during last three days. Cattle heads which used to graze at the fields of char villages are vulnerable to the disease. Villagers complained, by consuming newly grown grass in the rain, cattle heads are being attacked with the disease and are dying within a short span of time. Another source, however, said, the BQ (Badla) disease is being introduced by imported and smuggled cattle.

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BHUTAN

13 Aug 2014: Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) outbreaks: Follow-up report No. 2 sent to OIE

The Department of Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests, Thimphu, Bhutan has reported two PPR outbreaks to OIE. The two new outbreaks reported in goats from Chhukha on 08/07/2014 and Dagana on 17/07/2014. National Centre for Animal Health, Thimphu confirmed the disease by antigen (Ag) detection ELISA. The event is continuing. [read more](#)

INDIA

20 Aug 2014: 5 arrivals in India found to have contact history with Ebola cases

Five persons, out of a total of 145 passengers who arrived at various airports in India from Ebola virus affected countries in the last 24 hours were found to have contact history with positive cases of the disease, the health ministry said. The details of the said five passengers have been passed on to Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) for further tracking and necessary 'contact' management, the ministry said in a statement on Wednesday. The 145 arrivals screened today were at the Mumbai (49), Delhi (53), Chennai (12), Kochi (11), Bangalore (14) and Ahmedabad (6) airports. [read more](#)

18 Aug 2014: Rabid dog bites 25 people in Goa

At least 25 people were bitten by a rabid dog at South Goa's Cansaulim village. The incident occurred when the stray dog went on rampage, biting passers-by. The dog was later killed by villagers. Sources in Goa Medical College (GMC) said that 15 people were administered anti-rabies injection in their hospital. [read more](#)

09 Aug 2014: Peste des petits ruminant (PPR) attacks sheep, goats in Kinnaur, 250 dead

Peste des petits ruminant (PPR) has attacked sheep and goats at Pa Shah village in the tribal Kinnaur district adjoining the Spiti valley and spread panic among shepherds. Nearly 250 sheep and goats have died in the pastures in the Pa Shah tribal area so far and teams of veterinary doctors have been rushed to the area with medicines and support staff. [read more](#)

NEPAL

17 Aug 2014: Ebola outbreak threat: Government to set up health desks at border points

The Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD) has started the process to establish health desks at three border points to prevent the spread of Ebola virus disease, which has killed more than 1,200 people in West Africa. The government has already established a health desk at Tribhuvan International Airport, the only international airport in the country. "We have started the process to establish health desks at Kakarbhitta, Birgunj and Bhairahawa," informed Director, EDCD. The three areas are major border points along the Nepal-India border. People travelling to Nepal from West African countries via India and those who have a travel history to the affected areas will undergo test at the health desks on the borders, according to the EDCD. No case of Ebola, however, has been detected in the country as of now. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

17 Aug 2014: Two farmers die after contracting Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever in Balochistan

Two farmers in the Zhob district of Balochistan have died after suffering from Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF), the district health officer (DHO), told. At least four people, including a woman, were infected with the virus in the small village of Killi Blump near Meena Bazaar, located 40km from Zhob city. The medical superintendent of the District Headquarter Hospital said animals in the village have been vaccinated, as well as family members of those affected in order to avoid the spread of the virus. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

20 Aug 2014: Suspected Ebola victim's blood samples to be sent to India

The director of the Medical Research Institute (MRI) said that arrangements had been made to send blood samples of the suspected female Ebola victim to a laboratory in Pune, India. The woman who went to India on pilgrimage had died soon after her return. The blood samples are to be sent on the advice of WHO as there are no facilities here to test for Ebola virus, the MRI director said. [read more](#)

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