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## BANGLADESH

### 24 Aug 2014: Nine people infected with anthrax in Tangail

At least nine persons have been diagnosed with anthrax at Ambaria village under Madhupur upazila of the district, upazila health officials said yesterday. They got infected after processing the meat of a sick cow recently. The patients have been undergoing treatment at the Madhupur upazila health complex. One affected person told that he bought a bull from Dhanbari bazaar one and a half years ago at a cost of Tk 9,000 and the animal got infected with the disease. The cow was slaughtered on August 16 when nine persons were involved in processing the meat. After feeling skin sore, they went to upazila health complex on August 24, when doctors detected them infected by anthrax. [read more](#)

## BHUTAN

### 21 Aug 2014: One succumbs to Japanese encephalitis, another in 'critical' condition

A 20-year old man has succumbed to Japanese Encephalitis (JE) at the Jigme Dorji Wangchuck National Referral Hospital last week, health officials have confirmed. The deceased was referred from Punakha, paralysed. Another three-year old baby has been referred from Trongsa. Doctors say she is in critical condition. According to a pediatrician, she suffered continuously for two days with high fever, head and muscle aches and nausea. She was then referred to Thimphu after she started developing seizures. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 28 Aug 2014: A man dies of rabies in Pune

Rabies claimed another life in the Daund city of Pune on Tuesday, taking the death toll this year to 18 so far. Forty-five-year-old male from Daund taluka died at the Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital on August 26. He was bitten by a dog on August 14. As per the medical history produced by the victim's relatives, the man had not taken the anti-rabies vaccine on the scheduled days. [read more](#)

## PAKISTAN

### 23 Aug 2014: Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever claims first life in Karachi city

A young butcher from Karachi's central district died of Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) on Friday. Officials said that, 24 old male who worked in a butcher's shop near his house in Azizabad, had been admitted to a private hospital with a history of high fever, shortness of breath and internal bleeding two days before he was pronounced dead by doctors on Friday. "It was the first case of CCHF in Sindh this year," said an official in the provincial health department. [read more](#)

## NEPAL

### 23 Aug 2014: Japanese encephalitis kills six in Eastern Nepal

At least six people have died of Japanese encephalitis in three Village Development Committees (VDC) of Morang district since mid July. Meanwhile, seven of the other persons with infection are in critical condition. They are undergoing treatment in different health facilities in Biratnagar in Nepal and Siliguri of India. According to the District Public Health Office, Morang, the areas where a number of persons are involved in pig farming, have reported Japanese encephalitis. Apart from Morang, victims of the disease are increasing in Jhapa, Siraha and Saptari districts as well. [read more](#)

## SRI LANKA

### 22 Aug 2014: Sri Lanka suspends on arrival visa facility for Ebola-hit countries

Surveillance at all international airport has been strengthened in the wake of Ebola outbreak in Africa. Sri Lanka officials recently announced suspension of on arrival visa facility for all visitors coming from Ebola-affected West African countries. External Affairs Ministry officials confirmed that privilege to obtain visa on arrival has been suspended for visitors from Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea with immediate effect. The officials confirmed that the decision to suspend visa facility was taken after the Health Ministry's request. Further, the suspension will continue until further notice, a ministry official said. However, people from these countries can still apply for a visa through Lankan embassies overseas. [read more](#)

## OTHER

### 27 Aug 2014: Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of Congo

On 26 August 2014, the Ministry of Health, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) notified the World Health Organization (WHO) of an outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Equateur Province. The index case was a pregnant woman from Ikanamongo village who butchered a bush animal that had been killed and given to her by her husband. She became ill with symptoms of EVD and reported to a private clinic in Isaka village. On 11 August 2014, she died of a then-unidentified haemorrhagic fever. [read more](#)