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## BANGLADESH

### 29 Aug 2014: 170 diagnosed with anthrax in four districts

About 170 people have been infected with anthrax in different parts of the country within a couple of few weeks. Of them, 113 people were infected in Gangni upazila of Meherpur district while 20 others in Ullapara upazila and 13 in Raiganj upazila of Sirajganj district, 11 in Modhupur upazila of Tangail district and eight others in Arai hazar upazila of Narayanganj district, sources said. Sick cows were slaughtered and people ate the meat and got infected with skin problem and primarily the disease was diagnosed to be anthrax, concerned upazila livestock officers said. [read more](#)

### 01 Sep 2014: Though a low risk country for Ebola, Bangladesh may find it tough to handle cases of infection

Bangladesh is at low risk of being hit by the deadly Ebola outbreak, but if any infected traveller enters the country undetected, the consequences might be devastating because of the highly dense population and poorly equipped hospitals, say medical experts. Officials of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said there is no need to panic, as there is no direct flight between Bangladesh and the affected West African nations. Some people, mainly from Nigeria, visit Bangladesh for business or sports purposes, they added. [read more](#)

## BHUTAN

### 04 Sep 2014: Rabies outbreak in Sarpang & Samtse Dzongkhags

One case of suspected rabies in Bovine was reported from Army Welfare Project Area, Samtse Dzongkhag on 15 August 2014. Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospital (DVH) has carried out the investigation and collected sample for laboratory confirmation. The sample was tested at NCAH, Serbithang by Florescent Antibody Test and was confirmed positive to rabies. Control measures are in place. Similarly, another suspected rabies case was reported from Gelephu under Sarpang Dzongkhag on 29 August 2014. Satellite Veterinary Laboratory, Gelephu has investigated the case and collected samples for confirmation. The sample was tested at SVL Gelephu using rapid antigen detection test kit and was confirmed positive for rabies. [read more](#)

### 04 Sep 2014: Black Quarter outbreak in Tashigang & Zhemgang Dzongkhags

One case of Black Quarter (BQ) disease was reported from Tashi Yangphu Nublang Farm under Khaling Geog, Tashigang Dzongkhag on 24th August 2014. The investigation team from Regional Livestock Development Centre, Kanglung and the farm management confirmed the disease as BQ. There was one death out of 23 susceptible animals in the locality. Control measures are in place. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 29 Aug 2014: Japanese encephalitis cases alarming in Meghalaya

Following the death of a 22-year-old woman from South West Garo Hills district due to Japanese encephalitis, the medical authorities have taken precautionary measures to confine the disease from spreading. There are 37 confirmed cases of Japanese encephalitis in the state till date, official sources said today. The death of the woman was the first such instance in the state.

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## SRI LANKA

### 03 Sep 2014: Anti rabies vaccination drive in Kurunegala district

The Health Services Unit of the Kurunegala Municipality vaccinated domestic and stray dogs in the municipal council area against rabies. The programme ended on August 31. It was implemented by the North Western Province Health Services Department and around 25,000 dogs were vaccinated. About 23 persons including several school children were reported to have been bitten by stray dogs during the past three months in Kurunegala and treated to rabies at government hospitals. [read more](#)

## OTHER

### 03 Sep 2014: CHP notified of two cases of human infection of avian influenza A(H7N9) in Mainland

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (September 3) received notification from the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFP) of two cases of human infection of avian influenza A(H7N9) affecting a woman and a man aged 66 and 53 respectively in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The woman passed away last month. [read more](#)

### 02 Sep 2014: West Africa: Ebola outbreak puts harvests at risk, sends food prices shooting up

Disruptions in food trade and marketing in the three West African countries most affected by Ebola have made food increasingly expensive and hard to come by, while labor shortages are putting the upcoming harvest season at serious risk, FAO warned today. In Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, quarantine zones and restrictions on people's movement aimed at combating the spread of the virus, although necessary, have seriously curtailed the movement and marketing of food. This has led to panic buying, food shortages and significant food price hikes on some commodities, especially in urban centers, according to a special alert issued today by FAO's Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS). [read more](#)

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