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BHUTAN

07 Sep 2014: Precautionary measures against Ebola in place

Following the outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) that has killed more than 1,500 people in West Africa, the health ministry has issued an advisory on the issue to prevent the risk of exposure to EVD, as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). Public health department's Director General said precautionary measures are being taken, although the country is at a low risk currently. "People coming from the affected areas should report it at the airport," he said. The health ministry has also written to the other ministries, advising Bhutanese to consider postponing 'non-essential' travel in the affected countries.

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31 Aug 2014: Suspected PPR outbreak in Samtse Dzongkhag

A suspected *Peste des Petits Ruminants* (PPR) outbreak had occurred in goats at Uttaray village under Samtse Geog, Samtse Dzongkhag on 18th August 2014. Dzongkhag Veterinary Hospital, Samtse investigated the outbreak and collected samples for further confirmation. All 42 animals in the flock were affected with four deaths. [read more](#)

INDIA

07 Sep 2014: 46 die of encephalitis in a week in Uttara Pradesh

As many as 46 people have died of encephalitis in a week and seven in past 24 hours. BRD Medical College statistics reveal that 991 encephalitis cases have been reported since January this year, among which 291 have died and 184 are undergoing treatment in encephalitis ward of medical college. The mortality rate this year is highest in three years. At present, the rate is 29.36%. In year 2011, only 18% encephalitis patients died, in 2012, the mortality rate was 20.93%, whereas in 2013, 29.33%. The increase in the last three years raises question on the claims made by the government. [read more](#)

NEPAL

09 Sep 2014: Suspected PPR outbreak in Baglung district of Western region

Farmers of Raydanda in Baglung district are worried after their goats started to die due to a mysterious disease from Tuesday. The District Livestock Service Office, Baglung, on the basis of symptoms, has suspected an outbreak of PPR disease. The goats have found to develop symptoms like swelling of the head, dizziness, among others. District Livestock Service office said, that preparation was underway to send a team of veterinaries along with necessary drugs and vaccine to the affected areas. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

09 Sep 2014: Second Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) case reported in Karachi

The second CCHF case of the year recently surfaced in the city. Luckily, the patient is said to be in a stable condition. The patient who is admitted in the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) is a 17-year-old student and a resident of Shah Faisal Colony. The laboratory tests, which were sent to the Aga Khan University Hospital, confirmed on September 6 that the patient had contracted the Congo virus. The history of the patient shows that he used to play in a ground located near a cattle pen. The healthcare providers believe that the boy was infected during his visits to the cattle pen. Earlier, 24-year-old butcher, the city's first case of the year, died in a private hospital in the fourth week of August. [read more](#)

OTHER

04 Sep 2014: Avian influenza A(H5N6) outbreak in Vietnam

Two outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N6) have been reported in central Viet Nam in August 2014. The veterinary authority sent follow up report No.2 dated 4 September to OIE. The report outlines two new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza of the H5N6 sub type in village flocks in central Viet Nam. The first was at Xuan My in Quang Tri province. It started on 15 August and killed 350 birds of a flock of 1,550. The rest of the flock was destroyed. The second outbreak started on 23 August at Dong Nhon Nam in Quang Ngai province, where 200 birds died and the rest of the 1,110-bird flock has been destroyed. [read more](#)

01 Sep 2014: H5N6 bird flu reported in Northeast China

Northeast China's Heilongjiang Province has reported an outbreak of the H5N6 bird flu virus in poultry, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) announced Monday. Over 20,000 geese at a farm in Harbin, the provincial capital, showed symptoms of avian flu and almost 18,000 died last month, according to the MOA. The National Avian Influenza Reference Laboratory on Monday confirmed the epidemic was H5N6. The infected area has been sealed off and sterilized with almost 69,000 poultry culled and safely disposed, the MOA said. [read more](#)