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BHUTAN

08 Sep 2014: Rabies outbreak in Sarpang District

A case of suspected rabies was reported in Jersey breeding bull at Jigmeling, village, Dekiling Geog, Sarpang District on 8 September 2014 as per reports received from the Satellite Veterinary Laboratory (SVL), Gelephu. Another suspected case of rabies was reported from bull at Shershong village Shershong Geog under Sarpang Dzongkhag on 12 September 2014. The disease was confirmed as rabies using the rapid rabies antigen detection kit. [read more](#)

11 Sep 2014: Black Quarter outbreak in Wangdue Dzongkhag

A case of Black Quarter disease was reported from Rutokha village under Rubesa Geog, Wangdue Dzongkhag on 11 September 2014. The investigation team from Regional Livestock Development Centre, Wangdue and RNR EC Rubesa have carried out the investigation and confirmed the disease. There was one death in the herd of four animals and the diagnosis was made on Post-mortem examination. Control measures are in place. [read more](#)

INDIA

13 Sep 2014: Indian boy 14th rabies survivor in world

In a rare success, doctors from National Institute of Mental Health and Neurological Sciences (Nimhans), Bangalore, and the Army Command Hospital in Chandimandir Cantonment have successfully treated a 16 year old boy suffering from rabies. The boy was admitted to Military Hospital in May this year in a critical comatose state. He was bitten by a stray dog and was given four doses of anti-rabies vaccine. Eventually, he slipped into a coma, needed ventilator and airway support when brought to hospital with a diagnosis of rabies. The boy has since been breathing without any equipment support and has improved. [read more](#)

This case indeed is remarkable. In all of the previous few human survivors, no viral DNA [RNA] was demonstrated, and recovery was attributed to natural immune responses. The protocol was apparently basic excellent supportive care and tells us that even in a comatose patient, it is still potentially beneficial to provide such care till brain death is documented. [read more](#)

13 Sep 2014: Worker dies of MERS Corona Virus in Saudi Arabia

An Indian worker has died in Saudi Arabia after contracting MERS Corona Virus and his family is reluctant to repatriate the remains back home amid fears that they might get infected if they came in contact with the body. Dasharati Sattaih from Telangana, who was working in Jeddah with a leading maintenance company, contracted the virus and died on June 20 this year. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

15 Sep 2014: No steps taken to avoid CCHF infection ahead of Eidul Azha

As many as 42 cases of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) have been reported from different parts of the country within last five months, however none of the concerned authorities here has so far taken precautionary measures to avoid a possible spike of CCHF in the region. A number of health experts are of the view that an outbreak of the deadly infection can not be ruled out, particularly when a huge number of cattle, sacrificial animals, is being taken to town from other parts of the country ahead of Eidul Azha. [read more](#)

OTHERS

16 Sep 2014: EBOLA response roadmap update

4963 (probable, confirmed and suspected) cases and 2453 deaths have been reported in the current outbreak of Ebola virus disease as at 13 September 2014 by the Ministries of Health of Guinea and Sierra Leone, and as at 9 September by the Ministry of Health of Liberia. [read more](#)

16 Sep 2014: Low Pathogenic Avian Flu virus detected in Laos

The Laotian veterinary authorities have reported the detection of low pathogenic H5N6 bird flu in Luangprabang. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) received an immediate notification on Monday 15 September. According to the OIE, a total of 200 birds were found susceptible, out of which two cases were reported. The two affected birds were reportedly found dead. The remaining 198 birds were destroyed. The test carried by RT-PCR was found positive. [read more](#)