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## BANGLADESH

### 01 Oct 2014: Several cows have died in cattle markets in Chittagong

In the last three days several cows have died in cattle markets in different areas of the country. Government officials said the animals were dying because of travel fatigue and overfeeding. Chittagong District Additional Livestock Officer said four cows died in the port city and Sagorika cattle market on Sunday. Chittagong City Corporation, the authority that leases out these markets, says 30 animals have died so far. Sagorika and Bibirhat cattle markets are the largest Eid cattle markets in Chittagong division. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 01 Oct 2014: Vaccine for blue tongue disease launched

Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL) has announced launch of its vaccine 'Raksha-Blu' for blue tongue disease among sheep, goats, camels and cattle. The IIL officials in a statement said that this is the first vaccine on blue tongue to be manufactured in India. The vaccine researchers of IIL said that they managed to keep a single dose of single vaccine to Rs. 5. The vaccine was developed in collaboration with Tamil Nadu University of Veterinary and Animal sciences (TANUVAS) & ICAR and extensive multi-centric trials conducted in reputed institutes to test its safety and efficacy. Raksha-Blu is a pentavalent vaccine, incorporating the all the five strains of blue tongue virus prevalent in India. [read more](#)

### 01 Oct 2014: Rabid dogs kill seven cows

A vechur cow a rare and protected indigenous cattle breed was killed by a rabid dog at Poonath near Koottalida in Kottoor panchayat here on Saturday. With this, the number of cows killed by rabid dogs in the panchayat has reached seven. [read more](#)

### 07 Oct 2014: 35-yr-old from Satara succumbs to rabies

35-year-old man from Satara succumbed to rabies at the Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital, run by the civic body, last week, taking the death toll due to the infection to 19 in the city so far this year. In 2013, the city registered as many as 20 deaths due to rabies. Civic officials have identified the man, a resident of Chaudhariwadi in Phaltan taluka in Satara. [read more](#)

### 07 Oct 2014: Centre to set up virology labs in 120 districts

The country will have state-of-the-art virology diagnostic laboratories operational in 120 districts by 2015, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has announced. A swine flu outbreak in 2009 exposed the lack of preparedness and infrastructure, after it became known that only two laboratories – the National Institute of Virology, Pune, and the National Centre for Disease Control in Delhi had the wherewithal to test for the disease causing H1N1 virus. Under the programme there will be 10 regional laboratories set up in PGI Chandigarh, AIIMS and JIPMER, Puducherry. These will be guided by the local units of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). [read more](#)

### 09 Oct 2014: Forest department to control stray dog menace

The forest department has introduced measures to control the population of stray dogs and other feral animals inside protected areas to prevent the spread of diseases and reduce the attacks on herbivores. Earlier this year, the Maharashtra government amended the rules framed under The Indian Forest Act, 1927. Section 9 of the rules has been amended and now if any feral animal enters the forest areas, it should be removed by whatever means necessary. [read more](#)

### 30 Sep 2014: 3 elephants found dead in Sivasagar

Three wild elephants were found dead in a paddy field in Kokilamari Gelapathar village, about 20 km from Demow town in Sivasagar district, on Monday. According to locals, the carcasses of the elephants, two male and a female, were found by villagers in the wee hours of Monday. None of them bore injury marks. Villagers suspect the elephants died after eating crops sprayed with pesticides, adding, the crops were sprayed with pesticides a couple of days ago. [read more](#)

## PAKISTAN

### 04 Oct 2014: Saving sacrificial animals from Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF)

Health experts have advised people to take precautionary measures while buying sacrificial animals for an upcoming religious festival. Many animals were found with the symptoms of CCHF in different cattle markets of Pakistan. Use of gloves and masks by people during visit to animal markets could lessen the chances of outbreak of CCHF. People should be provided the disposable gloves and masks to butchers too and insist them to use these while slaughtering the sacrificial animals. [read more](#)

## OTHER

### 02 Oct 2014: Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) – Austria

On 30 September 2014, the National IHR Focal Point for Austria notified WHO via the European Commission's Early Warning and Response System (EWRS) of a laboratory confirmed case of Middle-East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) infection diagnosed in Vienna, Austria. This is the first MERS-CoV case in Austria. The case is a 29 year old female citizen of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (SAU), who travelled on 22 September 2014 to Vienna, Austria on a flight from Doha, Qatar. She had originally travelled from Affif, SAU, via Riyadh, by car. The case was symptomatic with an upper respiratory infection and fever prior to arrival in Austria. [read more](#)

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