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## BANGLADESH

### 14 Oct 2014: Ebola risk 'still low' in Bangladesh

Despite the exponential rise of the Ebola threat worldwide, Bangladesh is still at a low risk of facing an outbreak, authorities concerned have claimed. However, the situation might be of great concern if any Ebola patient was found in neighbouring India, said director of Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research (IEDCR). The IEDCR laboratory has the capacity to primarily identify an Ebola patient, institute's director said, but he added that the identified samples would also need to be sent to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) headquarters in Atlanta for a confirmed result which could take a couple of days. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 15 Oct 2014: Supreme Court notice to Centre, four States on trafficking of animals to Nepal

The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notices to the Centre and Bihar, West Bengal, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh to restrict export or transport of livestock to Nepal by road and on foot for sacrifice for the Gadhimai festival in November. The petition pertained to the mass transport of animals from India for being ritually sacrificed at Bariyarpur every five years where over 5 lakh animals are slaughtered over two days. The festival is the largest animal sacrifice event in the world. "Over 70 per cent of the animals sacrificed at the festival are brought by persons from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal across the Indo-Nepal border illegally. A vast number of buffaloes brought to the festival come from Bihar, Overcrowding of animals also poses a risk of outbreak of infectious and contagious livestock diseases which can have a devastating effect on the livestock population and economy. Moreover, the spread of disease is a potential public health threat. it said. [read more](#)

### 13 Oct 2014: Doubts over quality of anti rabies vaccine

Farmers doubt the quality of anti rabies vaccine administered on cattle, claiming the medicine has been found futile in making any effect in saving the animals when mauled by rabid dogs and fox. They anchor their doubts over the recent incident when cows died despite being given three or four shots of anti rabies vaccine. But an official from the Veterinary Department says the department has been administering only the prescribed anti rabies medicine which was supplied by the government after going through all the recommended quality parameters. [read more](#)

## PAKISTAN

### 10 Oct 2014: Two more diagnosed with CCHF

Two more patients tested positive for the Congo Crimean hemorrhagic fever (CCHF). They were admitted in hospitals for treatment and were said to be in critical conditions. Doctor said 9 year old, had been admitted in Aga Khan University Hospital with high fever. He had been diagnosed with CCHF and was being provided the required treatment. He said another patient aged 20, resident of Tauheedabad area in Landhi had also been diagnosed with CCHF and was being treated. [read more](#)

## OTHER

### 15 Oct 2014: New Ebola patient 'should not have flown': CDC

Federal health officials said Wednesday that a second Dallas health care worker who tested positive for Ebola "should not have traveled on a commercial flight" with 132 other passengers from Cleveland to Dallas just a day before being diagnosed. All of those passengers on that Frontier Airlines flight Monday were asked to immediately contact the U.S. Centers for Disease Control for possible monitoring, as officials also announced that the new patient will be transported later Wednesday to a hospital in Atlanta for treatment. [read more](#)

### 14 Oct 2014: Are the Ebola outbreaks in Nigeria and Senegal over?

If the active surveillance for new cases that is currently in place continues, and no new cases are detected, WHO will declare the end of the outbreak of Ebola virus disease in Senegal on Friday 17 October. Likewise, Nigeria is expected to have passed through the requisite 42 days, with active surveillance for new cases in place and none detected, on Monday 20 October. For Nigeria, WHO confirms that tracing of people known to have contact with an Ebola patient reached 100% in Lagos and 98% in Port Harcourt. In a piece of world class epidemiological detective work, all confirmed cases in Nigeria were eventually linked back to the Liberian air traveller who introduced the virus into the country on 20 July. [read more](#)

### 13 Oct 2014: ADB, Japan support South Asia push to end spread of livestock disease

A new \$2 million grant will support South Asia's push to slow the spread of livestock diseases like foot and mouth and avian flu which have caused billions of dollars of losses to farmers and economies in recent years. The funds will be used to set up a formal regional cooperation framework among the member countries of South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) for cross border disease control. A regional epidemiology center will be set up in Kathmandu, Nepal to issue regular information on regional and national animal health issues, while a coordination unit in Nepal supported by laboratories in Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan will manage regional animal health programs. [read more](#)