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## BHUTAN

### 14 Oct 2014: Pilot FMD vaccination campaign in Chukha Dzongkhag

National Centre for Animal Health, Serbithang in collaboration with Regional Livestock Development Centre, Tsimasham and Dzongkhag Livestock Sector, Chukha have successfully carried out Pilot Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) mass vaccination campaign in animals covering the villages within 1 km radius along the National Highways and adjacent to International border. A total of 3,251 animals (cattle, goats, sheep) were vaccinated against FMD virus while 638 serum samples were collected for sero-survey. In addition, 200 farmers were interviewed using questionnaires. The campaign covered 55 villages in Sampheling, Phuentsholing, Geling, Darla, Bongo, Bjaicho and Chapcha Geogs. [read more](#)

### 14 Oct 2014: Foot and mouth disease outbreak in Wangdue

Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak has occurred in Ngentsa (migration area) under Gobja village, Dangchu Geog in Wangdue Dzongkhag. Although the actual outbreak has occurred on 5th October, 2014 it was reported to Livestock Extension Office only on 10th October. Out of 57 cattle in the migratory area, 14 cattle were affected in three herds. The investigation team comprising from Regional Livestock Development Centre, Wangdue and Dzongkhag Administration, Wangdue have carried out the investigation and symptomatically diagnosed as FMD. [read more](#)

## INDIA

### 18 Oct 2014: 28-year-old man dies of rabies

A 28-year-old man from Bhavani Peth died of rabies at the civic run Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital here, taking the rabies death toll to 20 this year, so far. The victim originally hailed from Nepal but had come to the city 15 days ago to find a job. "A stray dog had bitten him in Nepal one and a half months back. He started complaining of fever and breathlessness on Tuesday after which he was taken to a neighbourhood doctor who referred him to Naidu Hospital," said his relative. [read more](#)

## NEPAL

### 22 Oct 2014: Action plan ready to manage animal sacrifice

The government has planned to set up sufficient number of animal health inspection posts to enable inspection of animals brought to the Gadhimai temple for slaughtering. According to the proposed action plan, the government will dispatch a perimeter task force to patrol the entire perimeter of site. This is the first attempt from the government's side for better regulation of the festival. At least a quarter of million animals, including buffaloes, rats, snakes, pigeons, chicken, ducks, goats and sheep are slaughtered during the Gadhimai festival. [read more](#)

## PAKISTAN

### 19 Oct 2014: Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever claims another life

Five patients were brought to the Hayatabad Medical Complex within a period of two weeks after Eidul Azha. Two patients are from Bannu while the others belonged to different parts of Afghanistan. Of the four patients currently at the hospital, one was brought to the hospital from Bannu on October 14. His blood sample was sent to NIH and on Friday he tested positive for the virus. The test reports of the other three patients two from Afghanistan and one from Bannu have yet to be received. [read more](#)

## OTHER

### 20 Oct 2014: Nigeria is now free of Ebola virus transmission

The lines on the tabular situation reports, sent to WHO each day by its country office in Nigeria, have now been full of zeros for 42 days. WHO officially declares that Nigeria is now free of Ebola virus transmission. This is a spectacular success story that shows that Ebola can be contained. When laboratory confirmation of the country's first Ebola case, in Lagos, was announced on 23 July, the news rocked public health communities all around the world. Nigeria is Africa's most populous country and its newest economic powerhouse. For a disease outbreak, it is also a powder keg. The number of people living in Lagos- around 21 million-is almost as large as the populations of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone combined. [read more](#)

### 17 Oct 2014: FAO launches Ebola awareness campaign in West Africa

The project is being kicked off in Guinea, where the Ebola outbreak began last December. A two-year-old child was the first infected and first to die. The significance of that was not realized for months and the infection rate and death toll have continued to rise. To help stem the spread, Ebola training workshops for 90 rural development and agricultural extension agents have been held in seven districts in Guinea. Vincent Martin, FAO's representative in Senegal and the head of the regional hub for resilience and emergency in West Africa, said the FAO has been committed to the fight against the deadly virus. [read more](#)