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### BANGLADESH

#### 25 Jan 2015: Bacteria cocktail in street foods

Over 40 percent of street food items and beverages sold in the capital have been found contaminated with coliform, a group of various bacteria, raising public health concerns of the urban people, according to a new study. Thirty percent of the food items have been detected with more than 100 *Escherichia coli* (E. coli). E coli is a form of bacteria found in the human or animal intestinal tract, and may cause health hazards like diarrhea, typhoid, and dysentery, health experts say. [read more](#)

#### 28 Jan 2015: "Safe Food Act 2013" to be effective from 01 February 2015

The government is going to start implementing the "Safe Food Act 2013" from the beginning of next month to fight adulteration and protect public health. Last week, the public administration ministry issued notices to appoint three members out of the five member Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA). A member-secretary has also been appointed. "We expect to appoint a chairman of the authority by tomorrow (today) and we will implement the law from February 1," Food Minister Md Qamrul Islam told The Daily Star by phone yesterday. [read more](#)

### INDIA

#### 22 Jan 2015: Man's death triggers Ebola fear, tests negative

A 35-year old man from Jodhpur, who was admitted to All India Institute Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on Tuesday amid fears that he had contracted Ebola, died on Wednesday morning due to excessive internal bleeding. According to medical authorities, the clinical sample of the patient has tested negative for Ebola disease at the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). However, the patient appears to have been suffering from Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), a highly contagious disease caused by a tick-borne virus (Nairovirus) and can spread with close contact with the blood, secretions or other bodily fluids of infected persons. [read more](#)

#### 24 Jan 2015: Rabies outbreak: Three samples tested positive

According to top officials of the Disease Investigation Laboratory, Directorate of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, Manipur, brain samples collected from 3 dogs which had bitten people to death and one which died with symptoms of rabies without biting anyone were sent to the Veterinary College at Hebbal in Karnataka for testing on 5 Jan 2015. Out of these 4 brain samples, 3 have been confirmed with rabies. [read more](#)

#### 26 Jan 2015: Health officials confirm CCHF death of Jaisalmer man

The health department has confirmed that a resident of Ratan ki Basi village in Lathi area of Jaisalmer district, who died four days ago at Jodhpur's Goyal hospital, was suffering from CCHF. After getting information about the death due to CCHF, the scare of the disease has gripped the village. According to the health department sources, National Centre for Disease Control team will investigate the cause of death. [read more](#)

#### 26 Jan 2015: Deadly Japanese encephalitis surges in northeast India

Cases of deadly mosquito-borne Japanese encephalitis have risen nearly five-fold in five years in Assam state as a result of warming weather and changing rainfall, health experts say. Between 2010 and 2014, the number of annual cases rose from 154 to 744, with deaths rising from 41 to 160, according to data from the Assam Health Department. [read more](#)

### PAKISTAN

#### 27 Jan 2015: Stray dogs continue to hound residents

In Chatta Bakhtawar, when a dog came from behind and bit on right leg of 11 years old boy. The boy started screaming that attracted the neighbours; the dog ran away before it could inflict further injuries on him. A medical technician at his neighbourhood cleaned the wound and provided anti-rabies vaccine at National Institute of Health. The unowned dogs roaming in the area have become a constant threat. [read more](#)

### OTHER

#### 26 Jan 2015: First H7N9 case in North America

A British Columbia resident who recently returned from China is recovering from an H7N9 avian flu infection, marking the first known case in North America. In a statement, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) said the risk to others is very low, because evidence suggests that the virus does not spread easily from person to person. A public health official in British Columbia said the patient is a woman and that a man who travelled with her was also sick recently, according to a Canadian Press (CP) report today. [read more](#)