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BANGLADESH

17 Sep 2015: Cattle arriving from Myanmar

Cattle have started arriving in the country from neighbouring Myanmar ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. Local cattle traders say they have set a target for importing around 25,000 cattle from Myanmar. Some 1,520 cows, 387 buffaloes and five goats had already been imported from Myanmar through Shah Parir Dwip corridor along the Naf river in the first 12 days of September, according to Teknaf land port customs sources. Besides the 25,000 cattle, 4,118 head of cattle were imported from Myanmar in July and August, sources added. [read more](#)

17 Sep 2015: Hope lies in local cattle as India chokes illegal supply channels to Bangladesh

With the Eid-ul-Azha only a week away, traders are hopeful of making a good profit from sales of sacrificial animals this year. Prices of cattle have gone up in recent months after the BJP government in India choked the illegal supply channels to Bangladesh. Many traders said they could bring only a small number of cattle from India this week due to strict surveillance by the Indian Border Security Force. [read more](#)

08 Sep 2015: Cattle stock still enough despite fall in supply from India

Despite a sharp fall in the cattle influx from India due to their tight border monitoring, Bangladesh has already got a stock of three million (30 lakh) cows and buffaloes and 6.9 million (69 lakh) goats, and the number may hit 19 million (1.9 crore) ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha. Director General of the Department of Livestock Services (DLS) came up with the figure quoting their union-level reports amid concern that the upcoming the Eid-ul-Azha may see an overheated market of sacrificial animals. He said some 10-15 percent will be added to the existing figure for cow and buffalo because the counting is still on. He, however, sees a blessing in disguise in the fall in cattle influx from India as it has created an opportunity for Bangladesh to revamp the domestic livestock market as local farmers have already started giving more concentration on domestic production. [read more](#)

INDIA

11 Sep 2015: 19 die due to leptospirosis this year

As on Monday, a total number of around 130 patients and 19 deaths have been reported in Maharashtra. The highest number of deaths have been reported from Mumbai (18), followed by Thane (1). The state health department has identified 45 villages as belonging to the high risk category. Workers in primary health centres (PHCs) in districts with a high incidence of leptospirosis have been asked to make weekly visits to conduct surveys about patients, diagnostic kits and medicines have been made available in the PHCs, rural, sub-district and district hospitals, and blood component separation units are available in all districts except Palghar. [read more](#)

16 Sep 2015: 46 teams for foot and mouth disease vaccination campaign in Tiruvarur district

Considering the damage potential to dairy farmers and to prevent loss of cattle due to foot and mouth disease in Tiruvarur district, the Department of Animal Husbandry has been taking intense steps to vaccinate all heads of cattle against the dreaded disease that has the ability to wipe out a herd in pretty quick time under the ninth round of the foot and mouth disease control programme. The eighth round was completed in March last. [read more](#)

NEPAL

11 Sep 2015: Japanese encephalitis claims life

A six-year-old boy at Bankatti in Bhimdatta Municipality-14 has died of Japanese encephalitis in the district. He breathed his last while being treated at Bareilly in India two weeks ago. Meanwhile, another local resident, 55, is said to be suffering from the same disease and is undergoing treatment at in Bareilly. A doctor of Seti Zonal Hospital said the disease was confirmed based on symptoms. Though immunization against the disease was carried out in the area, health authorities said even those who were vaccinated against the ailment may suffer from the disease in some cases. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

17 Sep 2015: Prevention and control of Crimean Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF) on the occasion of forthcoming Eid ul Azha

Punjab Health Department has issued necessary instructions to prevent and control CCHF cases on the occasion of forthcoming Eid ul Azha when a large scale movement of sacrificial animals is taking place in the province. A spokesman of Health Department has said that special measures like limestone marking, spray, treatment of affected animals etc should be initiated at cattle markets, slaughter houses, dairy/gawala colonies, sacrificial animals sale yards and other animal gathering places. The spokesman further said that recommended tick repellent spray should be carried out in and around the designated sale points/cattle markets. The services of the district livestock officers and veterinary staff in the districts should be fully utilized for avoiding spread of this disease. Public health experts advised the butchers, animal handlers to take precautionary measures while disposing off the blood and other secretions of the animals to avoid direct contact with it. [read more](#)