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BANGLADESH

17 Jan 2016: Suspected FMD outbreak in Lalmonirhat district

At least 35 cows have died of foot and mouth disease (FMD) at six villages in Aditmari upazila in Lalmonirhat district in the last one week while around one thousand cows in five upazilas of the district have been infected. Amid crisis of FMD vaccine, the livestock office in the district yesterday sent an emergency message seeking immediate supply of 3,000 vaccines, livestock office sources said. There is high risk of FMD in Lalmonirhat as Indian cows brought to Bangladesh through the bordering district sometimes carry germs of the disease and it spreads to local cows. [read more](#)

INDIA

19 January 2016: Highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) outbreak in Thripura

A new outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus H5N1 has been reported to the OIE by, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, India. The new outbreak occurred on the 07 January at a state poultry farm at Gandhigram, Bamutia, Tripura West, Tripura. Of 11348 birds susceptible, there were 1760 deaths and the rest was culled. The source of the outbreak is still unknown and the outbreak is still affecting a defined zone within the country. [read more](#)

16 January 2016: Suspected foot and mouth disease outbreak in Agra

Less than a week after Bareilly reported foot and mouth disease virus (FMDV) which killed more than a dozen heads of cattle, 26 bovines in Pinahat area of Agra are suspected to have died of the disease. The suspected outbreak was reported from Toda village near the Chambal river, 55 km from the city. District veterinary authorities have dispatched a team of doctors to the village and they will take further action after they submit the prima facie report regarding the cause of cattle death. Samples have been collected of dead cattle and will be sent to Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) at Bareilly for further probe. [read more](#)

NEPAL

21 Jan 2016: Suspected Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) outbreak Bajura

The farmers in Bajura district have suffered a huge loss after an outbreak of infectious peste des petits ruminants disease for last two weeks. The disease has spread in most of the areas in the district, claiming as high as 400 goats and sheep. Around 50 sheep of Bhakta Karki of Humla district, who had brought to Mana region of Badimalika in Bajura for grazing, died of the PPR disease while 45 sheep of Nangyal Lama of Khanalgaun-5 in Humla district also died. The livestock health workers have suspected that the PPR disease could have spread to Bajura from Kalikot and Humla. Acting Chief of the District Livestock Office said that the livestock health workers have been mobilised in the affected areas in the first phase. [read more](#)

19 Jan 2016: An anthrax outbreak in Palpa dsitric

Anthrax, a disease which causes fever, swelling and often death in animals, has spread to an epidemic proportion in remote Galdha VDC-7 of Palpa district causing fatalities in cattle. The lab test conducted by a team of veterinarians from Tansen and Pokhara confirmed that the cattle had died of anthrax infection. Authorities have started an awareness campaign in the VDC and a campaign has been launched in the affected areas to immunise the animals. According to former chairman of the VDC, around 40 cattle have died in the last five months. There are 60 households in the Galdha. Health officials and veterinarians said there has been no case of the virus infecting humans so far.

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15 Jan 2016: A youth in Tanahu has reportedly died of influenza A (H1N1)

The deceased has been identified as a youth from Byas municipality-2 of Tanahu who was admitted to the Manipal Teaching Hospital last Saturday and remained under the care for two weeks. Later he was airlifted to the Grande Hospital in Kathmandu for further treatment and again shifted from Grande to the TU Teaching Hospital, where he died while undergoing treatment. The hospital has confirmed that he was suffering from Influenza A H1N1. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

11 Jan 2016: Bird migration toward Pakistani wetlands declines

The number of birds annually migrating from Siberia to the Pakistani wetlands declined drastically in recent years because of climate change in the planet. Every winter about a million birds leave their home in the great Russian plateau in search of warmer regions in South Asia, which is the fourth of seven international migratory bird routes acknowledged by the scientific community. The moderate weather in India gives them shelter during that season, but on their way they make stopover at different lakes and water reservoirs in Pakistan providing ecological benefits to the country. Houbara bustards, cranes, teals, ducks, swallows, mallards, geese, swans, waders and pelicans are among the highlights. [read more](#)

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