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BANGLADESH

15 Mar 2016: Cattle smuggling to Bangladesh on the wane

In a rare admission, a top official of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has said that there has been a considerable fall in supply of cattle from India in the past two years and farmers in Bangladesh are being encouraged to take up 'cow farming' and 'cow fattening' on a large scale. Since the new government came to power, the Border Security Force (BSF) deployed along the eastern border tightened the noose around cattle smugglers. Following the government diktat the BSF cracked down on cattle smugglers and last year that cattle smuggling had come down by 60-70 per cent. [read more](#)

BHUTAN

15 Mar 2016: Foot and mouth disease outbreak in Chukha Dzongkhag

Foot and mouth disease outbreak has occurred in Damchekha village, Lokchina Geog under Chukha Dzongkhag on 24 February, 2016. Dzongkhag Livestock sector, Chukha has investigated the outbreak and samples were referred to the National Centre for Animal Health, Serbithang for further confirmation. As per the investigation report, 38 numbers of cattle were affected in six household in the locality. The laboratory results released from the Centre confirmed the disease as FMD. The disease specific control measures are in place. [read more](#)

INDIA

11 Mar 2016: Another Sattari woman dies of Kyasanur forest disease (KFD) in Goa

On March 2, a 50-year-old woman from Mauxi village was admitted to the community health centre, Valpoi, and later she was diagnosed of KFD by a Manipal virology team. When her condition worsened doctors referred her to the Goa Medical College (GMC) on 07 March for further treatment. However, she did not respond to the treatment and died on Wednesday evening at the GMC, Bambolim. Since the last year the KFD has claimed seven lives in the State of Goa. This year till now three women passed away due to KFD. Though all the seven people had KFD symptoms, the state government has maintained that these deaths in Sattari taluka are not entirely due to the Kyasanur forest disease. However, reports from Manipal virology centre confirmed that four persons had tested positive to KFD. [read more](#)

NEPAL

13 Mar 2016: Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) epidemic still not under control in Bajura district

PPR epidemic that broke out two months ago in Bajura is yet to come under control. District Livestock Office Bajura said that as many as 3,170 goats and sheep had died of the disease in the last two months. Chief of the livestock office said that 50,000 vaccines sought from the Department were not sufficient and they needed more than 40,000 extra vaccines. According to officers that the disease has killed as many as 2,196 goats and sheep at Bichhayan, Rugin and Bandu VDCs. Likewise, 209 livestock died at Wai, Jukot, Sappata and Gotri VDCs and 301 died in Budhiganga area, 464 in Jugada, Manakot, and Atichaur VDCs. Veterinary doctors say that the epidemic has reached Bajura via Humla from Kalikot. Field study carried out by technicians at Regional Livestock Laboratory Dhangadi had confirmed the PPR disease in Bajura. Four years ago as many as 14,000 sheep and goats died in Bajura which is home to 91,594 goats and 18,230 sheep as well as mountain goats at present. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

15 Mar 2016: Karachi Municipal Corporation (KMC) administrator directs to impound stray animals

Karachi Municipal Corporation administrator has directed the municipal officials to take immediate steps to impound stray animals roaming on roads and closure of all roadside cattle markets. [read more](#)

OTHERS

16 Mar 2016: Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) – Saudi Arabia

Between 9 and 10 March 2016, the National IHR Focal Point for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia notified WHO of 7 additional cases of MERS-CoV infection, including 2 deaths. Contact tracing of household and healthcare contacts is ongoing for these cases. The national IHR focal point for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia also notified WHO of the death of 1 MERS-CoV case that was reported in a previous disease outbreak notice on 14 March (case no. 14). Globally, since September 2012, WHO has been notified of 1,684 laboratory-confirmed cases of infection with MERS-CoV, including at least 600 related deaths. [read more](#)

16 Mar 2016: Lax biosecurity linked to US bird flu outbreaks

Turkey farmers caught up in the bird flu outbreak in the United States earlier this year displayed poor levels of biosecurity, according to a preliminary epidemiology report. The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection report found evidence that the farms were sharing feed trucks across facilities and that staff were failing to scrub footwear after exiting barns. Farms were also found to be using the same staff in different barns in the Indiana outbreak in January, when a single case of highly pathogenic H7N8 and eight cases of low pathogenic H7N8 were confirmed. [read more](#)