

## South Asia Weekly Animal Disease E-Information

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### INDIA

#### 25 Apr 2017: Woman dies of monkey fever, Goa State

A 45 year-old woman from a remote area in Sattari taluka of Goa, died of monkey fever, state health officials said. The woman was admitted to hospital five days ago with high fever, cough, breathlessness and loose motions and tested positive for monkey fever which has been prevalent in state's northern belt, the official said. She died due to "acute respiratory distress syndrome". [Read More](#)

### NEPAL

#### 23 Apr 2017: Rat bite cases reported

An average of 30 rat bite victims, who seek treatment, visit to Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital (STIDH) every day. The majority of these victims are only concerned about rabies. Currently, STIDH does not provide anti rabies vaccine to rat bite victims as per the national guidelines. However, no information is available, as to whether or not diseases that can be directly or indirectly transmitted by rodents to humans in Nepal. Rat bite issue is vastly neglected and is an unnoticed public health problem in Nepal. A baseline survey is needed to track rodent-borne diseases that have potential for future outbreaks in Nepal. [Read More](#)

### PAKISTAN

#### 16 Apr 2017: Human rabies case reported, Punjab Province

A 27-year-old male patient from Tehsil Hassan Abdal District Attock, Punjab, presented to Holy Family Hospital Rawalpindi on Sunday, 16 Apr 2017 with symptoms such as myoclonic jerks, aerophobia, hydrophobia) compatible with rabies. This patient had a history of dog bite 1.5 months back at his village by a domestic dog and as per history given by the attendants, the dog expired 4 days after the bite. The patient was not vaccinated at all. On Mon 17 Apr 2017, the patient died. All the contacts of the patient and other known persons who came in contact with the dog were vaccinated by the District Health Department. District health teams are in the locality to provide awareness to the general public as well. [Read More](#)

#### 23 Apr 2017: Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) Punjab and Balochistan Provinces

A Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) patient, resident of Mianwali district in Punjab, animal handler by profession, was presented to Ubaid Noor private hospital in Mianwali where he developed Hemorrhagic manifestations. He was referred to Holy Family Hospital Rawalpindi on 14 Apr 2017. His blood sample for CCHF serology was sent to National Institute of Health (NIH), Islamabad on [14 Apr 2017]. He was reported as a positive case for CCHF by National Institute of Health. [Read More](#)

Another case of CCHF was referred to Fatima Jinnah Hospital almost around 20 April in Balochistan Province. The patient remains under treatment at the hospital and has been declared to be out of danger, the sources said. This is the second case of the Congo virus reported in Balochistan during the ongoing month (April). At least 30 cases of the virus were detected in the province during 2016. Health experts urge people to be wary of symptoms like headache, vomiting, red eyes, bleeding and severe body pain. They advise that anybody suffering from these symptoms rush to a nearby hospital because early diagnosis can save lives. [Read More](#)

### OTHERS

#### 25 Apr 2017: A(H7N9) Updates- Officials report 29 more cases of H7N9 in China

In its latest weekly influenza report, Hong Kong's Centre for Health Protection (CHP) today confirmed 29 new H7N9 avian flu cases in mainland China, the most since late February. There have now been 616 cases of H7N9 reported in China since October of last year, in what is the country's fifth wave of the disease, the CHP said. Seven of the cases are in Beijing, with Hunan reporting 5 cases; Hebei, 4; Sichuan, 3; Shandong, 2; Zhejiang, 2; and Anhui, Gansu, Guangxi, Jiangxi, Jilin, and Liaoning with one each. Eight of the patients died from avian flu complications, one is in critical condition, and the remaining reported severe pneumonia. Only two of the new cases were classified as mild. Eighteen of the patients were men, 11 were women, and the range of ages was 34 to 79 years. [Read More](#)