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**Australia: Low path bird flu in pet ducks in Perth**

Nearly 100 birds in Perth have been euthanased as a precaution after a pet duck was found to have a type of bird flu. The state's Department of Agriculture has confirmed to AAP that the domestic duck, who lived at a property north of Perth, was found to have the low pathogen H5 strain of the virus.

<http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/national/pet-duck-in-perth-found-with-bird-flu/story-e6frfku9-1226595624801>

**Bangladesh: Bird flu in Rajbari**

More than 1800 chickens were culled and 400 eggs destroyed following detection of bird flu virus at a poultry farm in Sadar upazila of Rajbari district on Sunday night. The fowls were culled and eggs destroyed at Seraj Poultry Farm at Kalyianpur village due to an outbreak of avian flu, said Haripada Biswas, district livestock officer.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/beta2/news/bird-flu-affected-chickens-culled-in-rajbari/>

**Bangladesh: Anthrax in Sirajganj**

In Sirajganj district, Rajshahi division, at least 4 people were found to be infected with anthrax, a bacterial disease that spreads from cattle, in Baghabari Paschimpar village in Shahjadpur upazila [sub district] on Sunday 10 Mar 2013, reports our Pabna correspondent. Upazila health officials primarily identified the symptoms and said that the patients were being treated at the health complex. The infected patients are aged between 19 and 25 years.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/beta2/news/nipah-kills-boy-anthrax-affects-four-people/>

**Bangladesh: Unexplained mortality in poultry in Khulna**

Thousands of chickens are dying of an unknown virus in many farms of Dumuria sub-district, Khulna. Due to sudden death of chickens, the farm owners are facing serious economic loss. On the other hand some illegal traders are selling sick poultry at lower price in different markets and restaurants. Local unemployed youth people started poultry farm few months ago. It causes huge financial losses of local farmers in last two months. They are trying to prevent and control the devastating disease with help of local livestock office. Local government office and livestock office has taken necessary steps to prevent unknown disease and prohibit to sell sick poultry in local markets.

<http://healthmap.org/gx.php?id=1575902>

**China: Hong Kong man dies from Streptococcus suis infection**

According to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health Saturday, the victim was an 85-year-old man with an underlying medical condition. He developed fever and vomiting on March 2 and was admitted to Kwong Wah Hospital on March 3.

<http://www.theglobaldispatch.com/hong-kong-man-dies-from-streptococcus-suis-infection-first-case-of-the-year-36467/>

### **China: Unexplained mortality in pigs**

Another 300 or so dead pigs were retrieved from a creek in Songjiang District yesterday morning, making the total number of dead pigs removed from the creek more than 1,200 since last Friday. The Songjiang District government said it has strengthened patrols on Hengliaoqing Creek upstream in Zhejiang Province and found many floating carcasses. The district doubled the number of boats removing carcasses.

<http://www.shanghaidaily.com/nsp/Metro/2013/03/11/Patrols%2Bboosted%2Bas%2Bdead%2Bpigs%2Bin%2Bcreek%2Bhit%2B1200/>

### **India: Bird flu in Bihar**

More than 2,000 chickens were culled and a large quantity of eggs destroyed in Bihar's Purnea district in the last 24 hours following an outbreak of avian flu, officials said on Monday. Purnea District Magistrate Manish Verma said bird flu was detected last week. "More birds would be culled as a precautionary step.

<http://www.deccanherald.com/content/318002/bird-flu-more-2000-chickens.html>

The outbreak was reported to the OIE on 7 March 2013.

[http://www.oie.int/wahis\\_2/public/wahid.php/Reviewreport/Review?page\\_refer=MapFullEventReport&reportid=13113](http://www.oie.int/wahis_2/public/wahid.php/Reviewreport/Review?page_refer=MapFullEventReport&reportid=13113)

### **Philippines: Rabies in Cebu**

A security guard in Barangay Mabolo is the 1st casualty of rabies in Cebu City this year (2013), although it was learned that the victim was bitten by a rabid dog last year and refused to get treated for rabies. The victim was bitten by his own pet dog and ignored the advice of neighbors to immediately seek the help of the Animal Rabies Control section of the City Health Department.

<http://www.philstar.com/cebu-news/2013/03/12/918705/security-guard-dies-rabies>

### **Vietnam: More on bird flu**

Viet Nam faces a high risk of bird flu outbreaks due to unfavourable weather conditions, which reduce animals' natural resistance, as well as the development of new poultry flocks after Tet, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. The disease has recurred in five provinces (Dien Bien, Kien Giang, Khanh Hoa, Hau Giang and Tay Ninh) where more than 14,000 chickens and ducks were affected and consequently destroyed.

<http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/society/68024/nation-on-high-alert-as-bird-flu-threatens.html>