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India: Anthrax spreads in Koraput, Odisha

At least 15 people, including a 14-year-old girl and two women, were infected by anthrax in Odisha after eating contaminated meat, an official said on Friday. The incident took place in Koraput district, about 500 km from state capital Bhubaneswar. Fourteen of them are being treated at home, while one person was admitted to a hospital, Additional District Medical Officer Arun Padhi told IANS. All victims showed symptoms of the illness after eating contaminated meat early this week. A laboratory test confirmed they were infected by anthrax, he added. [read more](#)

India: More rabies cases in Pune, Maharashtra

An elderly person and a young boy died of rabies infection at the PMC-run Naidu infectious diseases hospital on Wednesday, taking the death toll in the city so far to 17. Civic officials said both the victims were bitten by dogs three months ago and that they had not taken the anti-rabies vaccines on the scheduled days. [read more](#)

India: Encephalitis cases on the rise in Bihar

Nearly 190, mostly children from poor families, have died due to suspected encephalitis in Bihar in the last month with three more deaths on Monday, an official said. The maximum number of deaths took place in the state's Muzaffarpur district. Most of these children died at the government-run Sri Krishna Memorial College Hospital and the private-run Kejriwal Charitable Hospital. State health officials said they have identified a number of districts where the disease has spread including Bhagalpur, Motihari and Samastipur districts. [read more](#)

Indonesia: Suspected bird flu in Payakumbuh, West Sumatra

Thousand of ducks died suddenly in New Payobasuang Koto village, Payakumbuh district. The duck owner (Frengky) in the village admitted that his 120 ducks died suddenly with the average death of 20 ducks every day. it also occurred in his neighbour's ducks (Ali Akbar) with at least 180 ducks died. According to head of Payakumbuh Department of Fisheries and Livestock, the dead ducks were tested positive for bird flu. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: JE on the rise

Doctors in the capital city of Hanoi warned parents against neglecting the Japanese encephalitis vaccine after finding that cases surged more than three-fold in the first half of the year. By June 26, the Central Children's Hospital received 130 patients suffering from cerebral inflammation, roughly the same as last year, though the Japanese encephalitis patients among them rose from 8 percent to nearly 30 percent, or 36 cases, including 11 from Hanoi. One of the two fatal cases tested positive for the mosquito-borne Japanese Encephalitis virus, doctors told news website VietNamNet. [read more](#)