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Bangladesh: Nine people infected with anthrax in Tangail

At least nine persons have been diagnosed with anthrax at Ambaria village under Madhupur upazila of the district, upazila health officials said yesterday. They got infected after processing the meat of a sick cow recently. The patients have been undergoing treatment at the Madhupur upazila health complex. On getting information, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Madhupur Mohammad Habibullah, Upazila Live Stock Officer Md Hazrat Ali, UP chairman of Mirzabari Sadequl Islam, along with local journalists, visited the affected area yesterday afternoon. [read more](#)

China: Streptococcus suis in Hong Kong

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (August 23) investigating a fatal case of infection by *Streptococcus suis*, a kind of bacteria isolated from pigs, affecting a 57-year-old man. The patient, with underlying illness, had developed fever, chills, diarrhea and generalised weakness since August 19. He attended the Accident and Emergency Department of Tseung Kwan O Hospital on August 20 and was directly admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. The patient passed away subsequently on the same day. [read more](#)

China: Suspected H7N9 human case in Xinjiang

The patient was a 53 year-old welder, who lives in Badaowan Village area, Shuimogou District, Urumqi City. Three months ago, a family member went to a market and bought 20 chickens to raise, Lao Jin has been responsible for cleaning chicken house, there have been no signs of illness in chickens. On August 3, Lao Jin developed sudden cough, sputum symptoms, and temperature quickly rose to 39.6 °C. He visited nearby community health service centre, and was prescribed with anti-inflammatory treatment. He was subsequently admitted to the hospital in Urumqi on 8 August and to the Sixth People's Hospital on 16 August due to deteriorated condition. He was confirmed with H7N9 infection by the Urumqi CDC on 17 August. [read more](#)

China: Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea in Taiwan

There were 34 outbreaks of PED reported by the Animal Technology Institute Taiwan to OIE on 25 August 2014. These outbreaks occurred in 11 clusters:

- Cluster 1 involved 12 outbreaks reported from Yunlin County;
- Cluster 2 involved 6 outbreaks reported from Tainan City;
- Cluster 3 involved 2 outbreaks reported from Nantou County;
- Cluster 4 involved 2 outbreaks reported from Miaoli County;
- Cluster 5 involved 3 outbreaks reported from Pingtung County;
- Cluster 6 reported from Hsinchu County;
- Cluster 7 involved 4 outbreaks reported from Kaohsiung County;

- Cluster 8 reported from Chiayi County;
- Cluster 9 reported from Taoyuan County;
- Cluster 10 reported from Taitung County;
- Cluster 11 reported from Hualien County. [read more](#)

Indonesia: Suspected bird flu in Cijagra, Bandung

Department of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Bandung ensure the demise of hundreds of ducks in Cijagra and Tangsimekar villages, Paseh District some time ago due to bird flu. Head of animal health Disnakan Kab Bandung, Euis Rohayani explains, the cause of death based on the inspection results in the laboratory animal health animal hospital Cikole, KabWest Bandung. "We have to handle this case according to procedures. We have been searching for and handle the spread of the disease, "he said to reporters. [read more](#)

Pakistan: CCHF situation update

According to report by the National Institute of Health, Pakistan there were a total of 68 suspected cases, 25 laboratory confirmed, and 20 deaths (of these 11 laboratory confirmed) have been reported. Most of the cases are from:

- Balochistan province, 31 suspected (11 cases belongs to Afghanistan), 9 laboratory confirmed and 5 deaths.
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, 21 suspected, 11 laboratory confirmed (6 from Afghanistan) and 8 deaths (6 laboratory confirmed).
- Islamabad, 3 suspected cases (1 from Afghanistan), 2 laboratory confirmed and 2 deaths.
- Punjab province, 12 suspected CCHF cases (4 laboratory confirmed), 4 deaths.
- Sudhnuti district (AJK), 1 suspected case but tested negative for CCHF.

The CCHF cases from Afghanistan are detected and reported from Quetta and Peshawar because the patients are referred for treatment (mostly self referrals) to the Tertiary Care hospitals in both these cities. [read more](#)

Pakistan: Naegleria claims its eighth victim in Sindh

A young man from Karachi's Garden area has been confirmed as the latest victim of the 'brain-eating amoeba', or Naegleria fowleri, as the death toll blamed on the deadly virus in Sindh has reached eight in three months, officials said on Friday. They said that 34-year-old Mohammad Aamir, a resident of the Garden West area, was admitted to a local hospital in a precarious condition on Wednesday where he died on Thursday. The victim was a shopkeeper and had no history of swimming, said to be a major cause of the infection. [read more](#)

Philippines: Four rabies deaths in Eastern Samar

After only reporting three human rabies fatalities over the past three years, health officials in the Visayan province of Eastern Samar have reported four rabies deaths already so far in 2014. Edna Tumandao, provincial rabies coordinator for the human side said Eastern Samar's population is only 448,180, so four rabies deaths is considered alarming. All twenty-three towns in the province have their own municipal rabies control coordinating councils; some have even organized councils in the barangay (village) level. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Confirmed an outbreak of HPAI H5N6 in Lao Cai

An outbreak of HPAI H5N6 was reported by the Department of Animal Health to OIE on 22 August 2014. The outbreak was in backyard poultry in Pho Lu, Pho Lu, Bao Thang, Lao Cai with 498 poultry died and 60 destroyed. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Encephalitis death toll rises

Viral encephalitis has spread across Vietnam at an alarming 15% higher rate than last year, with a devastating 170% increase in the number of reported deaths. The Preventive Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health reported the deadly mosquito-borne disease has claimed 32 lives out of 705 reported cases in the country so far this year. Over the past week alone, an additional 19 cases have been reported. Son La topped the list of provinces reporting fatalities with 18, followed by Hanoi and Bac Giang four each. Provinces with the highest number of diagnosed cases are Son La, Hanoi, Thai Binh and Ho Chi Minh City. [read more](#)