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India: Doubts over quality of anti-rabies vaccine

Farmers doubt the quality of anti-rabies vaccine administered on cattle, claiming the medicine has been found futile in making any effect in saving the animals when mauled by rabid dogs and fox. They anchor their doubts over the recent incident when cows died despite being given three or four shots of anti-rabies vaccine. “We would have been compelled to believe that the vaccine is effective if at least one cow was saved from death. Here, no fewer than any 30 cows in three panchayats perished due to rabies,” P. Hassan, a dairy farmer from Kottoor panchayat said. [read more](#)

Indonesia: Two residents in Bantul suspected bird flu

Two residents of Bantul found suspect bird flu. Patients are now isolated in the General Hospital Center (Dr) Dr. Sarjito Jogja. Two suspected cases of bird flu that occurs at intervals of just one week. Head of Division for Health Problems (FMD) Bantul Health Office Pramudi Darmawan said the first patient with suspected bird flu entered PKU Muhammadiyah Bantul on 29 September. 39-year-old patient complained of high fever and shortness of breath. Once inspected, the people with the initials S from Bantul Sub-district was known to have respiratory problems in the cavity outside the lung (Google translation). [read more](#)

Malaysia: Park closed due to leptospirosis

The popular Jeram Toi waterfall and recreational park near here has been closed for two weeks after four youths contracted leptospirosis or rat urine disease. The four, aged between 15 and 18 years, went to the waterfall two weeks ago for a swim and came down with fever several days later. State Health director Datuk Dr Zailan Adnan said the four had been admitted at the Tuanku Ja'afar Hospital for treatment. [read more](#)

Pakistan: Brain-eating amoeba claims another life

The brain-eating amoeba, naegleria fowleri, claimed a woman's life on Thursday as a man affected by the illness continued to fight for his life at a private hospital, said health officials. Humera Mehtab Alam, 25, was brought to the Aga Khan University Hospital a day earlier with high fever and was later diagnosed with naegleria. She passed away while being treated at the hospital. [read more](#)

Pakistan: Two more tested positive for CCHF

Two more patients tested positive for the Congo Crimean Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF). They were admitted in hospitals for treatment and were said to be in critical conditions. Aijaz said Sarfraz Solangi, 9, had been admitted in Aga Khan University Hospital with high fever. He had been diagnosed with CCHF and was being provided the required treatment. He said

another patient identified, Asif, aged 20, resident of Tauheedabad area in Landhi had also been diagnosed with CCHF and was being treated. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Suspected H5N1 in Long An

The veterinary practice and epidemic station in the Mekong Delta province of Long An culled 1,000 A/H5N1 infected chickens on October 8. The infected flock was traced to a poultry farm in Long Khe commune in Can Duoc district. This is the second H5N1 bird flu case recorded in the province. Prior to the cull, district veterinarians discovered fever symptoms on poultry at the farm . The department tested the animals and concluded that the flock was infected. The 75-90 day-old flock had not been vaccinated. [read more](#)