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Australia: Confirmed theileriosis in cattle in South Australia

An outbreak of a tick-borne cattle disease has been confirmed in South Australia, following the deaths of five cattle in the state's South East. Biosecurity SA says the disease, known as theileriosis, is endemic in high rainfall regions of New South Wales and Victoria, where deaths are uncommon and the disease is considered benign. But South Australia's chief veterinary officer, Dr Roger Paskin, says when the disease moves to a new area, its effects can be more severe, although it's still considered a mild disease. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed 2 H7N9 human cases

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (October 18) received notification from the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) of two cases of human infection of avian influenza A(H7N9). The patients were:

- A 44-years-old woman from Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, she passed away last month; and
- A 7-years-old girl from Beijing. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed new FMD serotype A in Tibet

The China Animal Disease Control Centre, Veterinary Bureau reported an outbreak of foot and mouth disease caused by serotype A to OIE on 15 October 2014. The outbreak was reported in village cattle in Jixiong, Gongga, Shannan, Tibet with 34 affected cattle. A total of 98 cattle were culled to contain the outbreak. [read more](#)

China: Pneumonic plague in Gansu

For the [second time this month](#), Gansu Province Health and Family Commission officials reported a death due Yersinia pestis infection, or the plague, according to the Zhongxin Network. The patient was from Sangewa Ranch in Machang Village of Dangchengwan Township in Subei County. He was admitted and treated at the Gansu Subei Mongolian Autonomous County People's Hospital with fever and shortness of breath before passing away. According to the report, the man, a herder, was diagnosed with pneumonic plague based on clinical symptoms, epidemiological history, and lab test results. [read more](#)

India: A man died of rabies

A 28-year-old man from Bhavani Peth died of rabies at the civic-run Naidu Infectious Diseases Hospital here, taking the rabies death toll to 20 this year, so far. The victim, identified as Anu Ratansingh Thakur, originally hailed from Nepal but had come to the city 15 days ago to find a job. "A stray dog had bitten him in Nepal one-and-a-half months back.

He started complaining of fever and breathlessness on Tuesday after which he was taken to a neighbourhood doctor who referred him to Naidu Hospital," said his relative. [read more](#)

Korea, Republic of: Confirmed LPAI in 3 duck farms in Naju, Jeollabuk

South Korea has confirmed an outbreak of low pathogenic avian influenza (AI) in three duck farms in Naju, South Jeolla Province and culled about 14-thousand ducks from the affected farms. The South Jeolla Livestock Sanitation Office said the three duck farms in Naju city's Sanpo-myeon and Geumcheon-myeon have tested positive for low pathogenic avian influenza. [read more](#)

Pakistan: Leishmaniasis epidemic in Upper Dir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

The skin disease leishmaniasis has this time surfaced in more than one union council of Upper Dir and has already turned into an epidemic in a span of two to three weeks. Talking to The Express Tribune, Abdullah Shah said leishmaniasis, locally known as 'kalusari dana', has been diagnosed in a large number of people in the district over the last few weeks. Shah was the former focal person for leishmaniasis in Upper Dir for the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) and is a medical technician at a Category D hospital in Wari. [read more](#)

Philippines: Ebola-like virus kills 10 in Sultan Kudarat

The Department of Health (DOH) in Sultan Kudarat is monitoring an "Ebola-like virus" that has killed at least 10 people in the province since April. Back in March, more than 100 residents of Barangay Tinalon in Senator Ninoy Aquino town were rushed to the hospital due to stomach pains, vomiting, and diarrhea after eating what doctors believed was tainted horse meat. Several of the victims died. At that time, medical officials were baffled as to what kind of illness struck the victims. Samples of horse meat were sent to a laboratory for testing. The DOH is checking whether the virus came from a bat and was transferred to the horse killed and eaten by residents of Senator Ninoy Aquino town. Based on the laboratory results, the residents were hit by an acute encephalitis syndrome, a biosafety level 4 disease, making it as fatal as Ebola virus. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Anthrax in Ha Giang

Many people in Vietnam's northern highlands have been infected with the lethal anthrax disease in recent months, the Vietnam News Agency (VNA) quoted a health official as saying Wednesday. According to the news source, the highly infectious disease, caused by bacillus anthracis bacterium, first appeared in Lai Chau province, where it has since infected 25 people aged between three years and 50 years plus so far. One of them died due to late hospitalization, it reported. After Lai Chau, other provinces like Dien Bien and Ha Giang reported many cases. Deputy Health Minister Trinh Quan Huan told VNA in an interview that people had contracted the disease from sick cattle. [read more](#)