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India: One-horned rhino dies of anthrax in Tripura

A 24-year-old single horn rhino died in the zoo of Sepahijala sanctuary Friday, about 35 km from here due to anthrax. "It was found that the rhino was lying on the ground with blood oozing out of its nose and anus. The zoo authorities contacted a Guwahati-based veterinary specialist for remedies, but the rhino did not take the oral medicine and died," Principal Secretary Dr V K Bahuguna said. [read more](#)

India: Congo virus rears its head again

After the city reported the first Crimean Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) virus death, of a Bhuj resident at a Paldi hospital, local health authorities have put 33 individuals at Aarna Hospital under medical surveillance. They are being administered chemoprophylaxis - medication to prevent disease or infection. Just like Ebola virus, CCHF affects people who come in immediate contact with a patient - relatives and medical staff attending to them. [read more](#)

Japan: Bird flu virus detected in Miyazaki

Three chickens have tested positive for a highly pathogenic H5 strain of avian influenza at a farm in Miyazaki Prefecture, prompting the prefectural government to cull all of the roughly 4,000 birds raised at the farm. The prefectural government said it plans to complete necessary procedures by the end of Tuesday, including burying all of the chickens and disinfecting the farm in Nobeoka city in Japan's top poultry producing prefecture. [read more](#)

Malaysia: National sepak takraw player in ICU with leptospirosis

National sepak takraw player Mohd Syazreen Qamar Salehan, 21, who was believed to have been infected by leptospirosis, is still in critical condition. Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said Mohd Syazreen's level of oxygenation was improving and there was hope for a full recovery. "He is still critical as his lungs are bleeding and the next one or two weeks are an extremely critical period for Mohd Syazreen to recover. [read more](#)

Malaysia: Large number of leptospirosis cases in KL

Titivangsa and Kepong parliamentary constituencies have the highest number of leptospirosis cases reported so far this year. There are 131 cases to-date in Titivangsa and 87 in Kepong. According to Health Ministry Disease Control Division director Dr Chong Chee Kheong, the total number of such cases reported in Kuala Lumpur from January to Nov 15 this year is 312. There were 410 cases in this federal territory over the entire 2013. [read more](#)

Pakistan: Two more Congo patients admitted to JPMC

Two more people with Congo Crimean Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) were admitted to Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center for treatment while condition of one patient was reported critical. Joint Executive Director & In-charge Emergency Department Dr Seemin Jamali confirmed that the two more patients with Congo fever had been admitted to a hospital for treatment and condition of one patient was critical. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Confirmed 3 H5N1 outbreaks in 2 provinces

The Department of Animal Health reported 3 outbreaks of HPAI H5N1 in two provinces to OIE on 12 December 2014. These outbreaks include:

1. An outbreak in village poultry in Hoa Binh, Hoa Binh, Tra On, Vinh Long, which killed 160 poultry and another 120 destroyed.
2. An outbreak in village poultry in Phong Phu, Phong Phu, Cau Ke, Tra Vinh 100 poultry and another 120 destroyed.
3. Phong Phu, Phong Phu, Cau Ke, Tra Vinh, which killed 500 and poultry and another 250 destroyed.