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**Bhutan: Confirmed H5N1 in Thimpu**

The Department of Livestock reported an outbreak of H5N1 in a backyard, free-ranging poultry population in Motithang City Camp, Thimphu Thromde, Thimpu. While interviewing the owners of the birds, none of the mentioned source of infection could be ascertained. Further investigation on the source of infection will be followed-up. A host-pathogen interaction particularly in this case would be potential research topic. Only a small number of birds in an isolated pocket was affected. No further infection in flocks in close proximity was detected. [read more](#)

**China: Confirmed 1 new outbreak of HPAI H5N2 in Taiwan**

Abnormal mortality was observed in one poultry farm in Pingtung County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (AHRI) for diagnosis. H5N2 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. This farm has been put under movement restriction. All animals on the infected farms have been culled. [read more](#)

**India: Suspected bird flu in Hyderabad**

It was only after 39,240 birds perished that the state animal husbandry department woke up to the deadly avian influenza virus doing the rounds on the city outskirts. The deaths of layer birds took place in two poultry farms in Thorur village of Hayatnagar mandal a full one week before the government declared the bird flu outbreak. [read more](#)

**India: Confirmed bird flu at poultry unit of ICAR, Lamphelpat**

The National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases, Bhopal has confirmed the outbreak of Avian Influenza at the poultry unit of ICAR, Lamphelpat. Receipt of the positive report from Bhopal was conveyed to the media through an official notification by Chief Secretary PC Lawmkunga today. Announcing the outbreak of Bird Flu in the State, the Chief Secretary in the official notification said that the epicentre of the outbreak is the poultry unit of ICAR and added that all areas within a radius of 1 to 10 kms have been declared as infected zone and surveillance zone. [read more](#)

**India: Six-year-old victim shows symptoms of rabies at PGI**

In a shocking revelation, doctors at the PGI today diagnosed suggestive symptoms of the rabies infection in a six-year-old girl from Mani Majra, who was badly bitten on her lips by a ferocious stray dog on March 25. Sadia, the victim, was rushed to the PGI paediatric emergency this afternoon after her uncle noticed froth oozing out of her mouth and her voice turning hoarse. Both these symptoms, coupled with her phobia about air (looking at the fan)

and water after being taken to the emergency, are pointing towards the possibility of rabies, according to doctors. [read more](#)

### **India: Another dog bite case in Mani Majra**

Two days after a six-year-old girl, Sadia, from Mani Majra died of rabies, another eight-year-old boy was bitten by a stray dog in Mani Majra this morning. It appears the death has not yet shaken the authorities as no efforts were made either by the hospital to alert the Municipal Corporation about the fresh case or by the civic body to catch the dog. [read more](#)

### **India: Slaughtered more than 250,000 poultry on farms after bird flu outbreak**

Thousands of chickens and other poultry have been culled following the outbreak of a highly contagious strain of bird flu in India. Officials ordered 250,000 birds to be slaughtered in Telangana after cases of the H5N1 virus were identified, which can be deadly in humans. The virus caused the deaths of nearly 400 people and hundreds of millions of poultry after it spread from Asia into Europe and Africa in 2005-2006. [read more](#)

### **Mongolia: Reported 2 new outbreaks of sheep and goat pox**

The Veterinary and Animal Breeding Agency reported 2 new outbreaks of sheep and goat pox in 2 sheep farms to OIE on 21 April 2015. These outbreaks included:

- An outbreak in a sheep farm in Moilt, Javkhlant 3 bag, Bayan-ovoo, Khentii with a total of 4 sheep died and 7 destroyed.
- An outbreak in a sheep farm in Ikh us, 3 bag, Bayantumen, Dornod with a total of 4 sheep died and 7 destroyed. [read more](#)

### **Viet Nam: Reported first case of sleeping sickness in human**

The first case of Human African trypanosomiasis (also known as sleeping sickness) in the country was recorded in the Tropical Disease Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, announced the hospital on April 20. The 38 year old patient from the southern province of Dong Nai's Vinh Cuu District gets the Human African trypanosomiasis (also known as sleeping sickness) which is a vector-borne parasitic disease. Before, the woman suffered high fever for a long time without clear reason and she was taken into the Provincial General Hospital. [read more](#)