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**India: 40 persons suspected of contracting anthrax in WB district**

Forty persons were suspected to have contracted anthrax in West Bengal's Bankura villages following which teams of dermatologists were rushed there, official said on Monday. The Chief medical officer, health, Prasun Kumar Das, today said that forty persons were affected in Simlipal block of Bakura district and two teams of dermatologists were being sent to Bamunpal and Ramakunda villages of the block from where villagers have reported death of cattle. The teams will collect samples and send them to Kolkata for examination. [read more](#)

**India: Reported 163 cases of leptospirosis**

Pre-monsoon cleaning activities to prevent the spread of epidemics have begun in the state. This year, as many as 392 dengue fever cases and 163 cases of leptospirosis have been reported. The health department has warned that once monsoon sets in, the figures might go up if adequate precautionary measures are not taken. [read more](#)

**India: Six children tested positive for encephalitis in Bihar**

As the climate takes a turn again, the deadly brain fever (Acute Encephalitis Syndrome) has started taking small kids in its clutches. The disease is prevalent since the past many years in Muzaffarpur and other parts of Bihar. The disease has taken one life till yet. Sheela, a four-year-old kid succumbed to AES in Muzaffarpur on Wednesday. [read more](#)

**Korea, Republic of: Reported an imported case of MERS-CoV**

The Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention announced one person infected with MERS-CoV after returning from Bahrain. Patient is a 68-years-old Korean man, who was engaged in agriculture in Bahrain (from 18 April to 03 May). He came back to Korea through the Qatar on 04 May. On 11 May, 7 days after entering in Korea, he showed clinical signs and was confirmed on 20 May. Now he is stable condition. On 21 May the wife of previous confirmed patient was also declared infected with MERSCoV. She has respiratory clinical signs but she is stable condition for now. [read more](#)

**Korea, Republic of: Reported 4<sup>th</sup> MERS-CoV human case**

South Korea confirmed a fourth case of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) on Tuesday, saying a daughter of the third patient was found to have been infected with the viral virus. The new patient is believed to have contracted the virus from the first patient, just as her father did. She stayed for four hours at a hospital room her 76-year-old father shared with the first patient, according to the Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention. [read more](#)

**Pakistan: Cattle pen owner dies of Congo fever**

An owner of a cattle pen in the Cattle Colony died of Congo Crimean Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) on Saturday, the first death in Sindh because of the deadly tick-borne virus this year,

officials said. Sabir Majeed, 37, was admitted to a private hospital with a severe fever, shortness of breath and haemorrhage two days before he was pronounced dead by doctors on Saturday. “It was the first case of CCHF in Sindh this year,” said an official in the provincial health department. [read more](#)

### **Viet Nam: Rabies alerted in Thai Nguyen**

The health authorities of Thai Nguyen Province in the Northeast region of Vietnam have alerted the local population to an increased risk of rabies in the province. This follows an increase in the number of individuals reporting dogs suspected to have rabies. The preventive health centre has reported 3145 individuals in the province seeking treatment following bites by stray dogs between January and March 2015. There have been 4 human deaths from rabies as a result dog bites in the province thus far in 2015. Nationally in Vietnam during 2014, more than 60 000 individuals were bitten by dogs and cats, of those 14 died from rabies virus infection. [read more](#)

### **Viet Nam: Confirmed an outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in Dak Lak**

The Department of Animal Health reported an outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in village poultry in Ea Le, Ea Sup, Dak Lak to OIE on 22 May 2015. This outbreak affected 1500 with 100 poultry died, and the remaining birds were culled. [read more](#)