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China: Confirmed an outbreak of HPAI H5N1 in wild bird in Qinghai

An outbreak of HPAI H5N1 was reported in a village in Gonghe City, Hainan state, Qinghai by the China Animal Disease Control Centre, Veterinary Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Beijing, China (People's Rep. of) to OIE on 17 July 2015, which killed 2,361 heads of great black-head gull. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed 5 new H7N9 cases in human

On 16 July 2015, the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) of China notified WHO of 5 additional laboratory-confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus, including 3 deaths. Onset dates ranged from 26 May to 18 June 2015. Age of cases ranged from 58 to 77 years with a mean age of 66 years. All 5 cases were male. There were 3 deaths and the remaining 2 cases, at the time of report, were in severe condition. Every case reported exposure to poultry related environment. No clusters were reported. Cases were reported from 4 provinces and municipalities: Anhui (2), Jiangsu (1), Shanghai (1) and Zhejiang (1). [read more](#)

China: Confirmed 2 new outbreaks of HPAI H5N2 in Taiwan

Abnormal mortalities were observed in one poultry farm in Yunlin County and one abattoir in Pingtung County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (AHRI) for diagnosis. H5N2 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. The farm has been put under movement restriction. All animals on the infected farm and suspected animals in the abattoir have been culled. Thorough cleaning and disinfection have been conducted afterwards. Surrounding poultry farms within 3 km radius of the infected farm and abattoir are under intensified surveillance for 3 months. [read more](#)

China: Japanese encephalitis cases hit three-year high

There have been 19 Japanese encephalitis cases in Taiwan so far this year as of July 11, already exceeding the number of cases seen in both 2013 and 2014, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said Wednesday. Four Japanese encephalitis cases were confirmed during the week of July 5-11 in Taichung City and Nantou County in central Taiwan and Yunlin County and Pingtung County in southern Taiwan, the CDC said. [read more](#)

India: A cow infected with rabies caught at Valpoi, Goa

A cow which was affected by rabies and terrorizing people in and around Valpoi was caught by members of Shriram Gosanvardhan Kendra Nanuz on Monday and is kept in the cattle shed of Valpoi municipality under observation. The cow was attacked and bitten by a rabies

affected dog. Since the disease was transmitted to the cow, it was attacking people. Stray cattle have been a big nuisance for the residents of Valpoi municipality. [read more](#)

India: A woman died of CCHF in Kutch, Gujarat

A 45-year-old woman died of Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) virus, known as Congo fever in Kutch on Wednesday afternoon. Dr Pankajkumar Pandey, chief district health officer of Kutch said, the woman was resident of Rampara Vekra village in Mandvi taluka of the district. "We came to know about the suspected Congo fever patient on July 12. We had taken her blood samples and sent it for testing in Pune. The report arrived on Tuesday which confirmed she was infected with Congo virus. She was admitted to a private hospital and on Wednesday was referred to G K General Hospital in Bhuj where she died at around 3:20pm," Dr Pandey said. [read more](#)

India: Japanese Encephalitis

West Bengal: A total of 24 have died since the outbreak of the disease in January first week, Bera added. 17 persons were currently undergoing treatment, he said, adding, patients were from Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling Hill district areas of the region. [read more](#)

Assam: 13 persons have died and 22 have tested positive for Japanese Encephalitis (JE) in Assam's Jorhat district during the last 10 days, Joint Director of Health and Family Welfare Dr Mobibur Rahman said here today. [read more](#)

India: Leptospirosis in Mumbai: Three new cases, count escalates to 57

The total count of leptospirosis cases has risen to 57 with three new cases and that of H1N1 to 2,144 with two new cases, data from the civic health department indicated on Tuesday. While no death was reported by any government hospital, health experts claim fresh cases are continuing to pour in for both the ailments. [read more](#)

Due to the surge in number of leptospirosis cases, Mumbai should learn from Andaman's Leptospirosis Triumph using the joint collaboration between the departments of health, animal husbandry and agriculture. Simultaneously, the veterinary and public health departments started conducting awareness programs for farmers and animal handlers on taking care of their wounds and rearing animals in hygienic conditions. The Andaman story is now part of several medical journals. After nearly a decade of coordinated efforts, prevalence has dramatically dropped now. [read more](#)

Singapore: Group B streptococcus infection linked to raw fish

The Ministry of Health (MOH) and various agencies are investigating the increase in cases of Group B streptococcus (GBS) infection, which have been linked with the consumption of raw fish, the ministry said on Monday (Jul 13). One of the larger hospitals in Singapore saw an average of about 53 cases of GBS infection each year in the past five years, with a range of 31 to 73 cases a year. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: A boy contracts meningitis after eating infected snail

A 10-year-old boy from U Minh District in the Mekong Delta province of Ca Mau has been hospitalised after contracting meningitis from eating snails infected with the roundworm *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*. Last Saturday, the boy was brought to HCM City Paediatrics Hospital No.1's neurology and infectious disease ward, suffering from a high fever, severe headache, nausea and myalgia. [read more](#)