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

Two outbreaks of HPAI H5N1 were reported by the China Animal Disease Control Centre, Veterinary Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Beijing, China (People's Rep. of) to OIE on 22 July 2015:

- An outbreak which killed 415 bar-headed goose was reported in Galongcuo bird island, Anduo, Naqu, Tibet.
- Another outbreak which killed 300 black-necked grebe was reported in the National Park in Shuangheer wetland, Kezuohouqi, Tongliao, Inner Mongolia. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed 3 outbreaks of LPAI H5N2 in Taiwan

Abnormal mortalities were observed in 3 poultry farms in Taoyuan City, Hsinchu County and Chiayi County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory, the Animal Health Research Institute (AHRI) for diagnosis. H5N2 subtype low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) was confirmed by AHRI. These farms have been put under movement restrictions. The pathogenicity of the virus has been subsequently confirmed by national laboratory as low pathogenic (less than 75% mortality of the tested chickens) on 20 July 2015. All animals on the infected farms have been culled on 31 January and 2nd February 2015. [read more](#)

China: Confirmed 2 outbreaks of HPAI H5N2 in Taiwan

Abnormal mortalities were observed in 2 poultry farms in Yunlin County and Pingtung County. Samples were sent to the National Laboratory (AHRI) for diagnosis. H5N2 subtype HPAI was confirmed by AHRI. These farms have been put under movement restriction. All animals on the infected farms have been culled. [read more](#)

India: Mutated bacteria leptospira resistant to drugs, heat

Scientists at the Premier Regional Medical Reference Centre at Port Blair have found that the bacterial species that causes leptospirosis is no longer socially aloof, as has been held for years. Leptospira now interacts aggressively with other organisms, in the soil and water, becoming stronger and smarter, while posing a greater threat to public health. The study is the first to demonstrate how leptospira mutates to form a biofilm, an extra protective layer of microbial cells, when it interacts with other organisms in water. Its relationship with azospirillum brasilense, a bacteria routinely found in plants, was particularly intriguing and scary. [read more](#)

India: Two cows dead from anthrax in Pathanamthitta

The Animal Husbandry Department launched an intensive disease prevention drive in the anthrax-hit Kadamankulam area of the Kalllooppara grama panchayat. Two cows died at a small farm at Kadamankulam due to Bacillus anthracis bacterial infection on Wednesday. A

team of experts led by N. Jayakrishnan, Assistant Director, and S. Nandakumar, veterinary surgeon, from the Chief Disease Investigation Office attached to the Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) at Palode, visited the farm and the surrounding areas on Friday. [read more](#)

India: 66 people have died of JE in Assam

At least 66 people have died of Japanese encephalitis this year across Assam, chief minister Tarun Gogoi on Monday said. "So far, 66 deaths have been reported from various districts in Assam. Though the severity is lesser this year than the previous years, we are taking it very seriously," Gogoi told reporters here. [read more](#)

Korea, Republic of: Confirmed 110 outbreaks of HPAI H5N8 in poultry

The General Animal Health Division reported 110 new outbreaks of HPAI H5N8 to OIE on 28 July 2015 with 236 poultry dead and 3,036,083 destroyed. These outbreaks included:

- 35 outbreaks in Chongcheongbuk-do (duck 2, mixed species 33);
- 24 outbreaks in Jeollabuk-do (chicken 11, duck 13);
- 23 outbreaks in Jeollanam-do (chicken 3, duck 20);
- 18 outbreaks in Gyeonggi-do (chicken 14, duck 3, mixed species 1);
- 6 outbreaks in Chungcheongnam-do (duck);
- 2 outbreaks in Ulsan Metropolitan City (chicken 1, mixed species 1); and
- 1 outbreak in Gyeongangnam-do (mixed species). [read more](#)

Philippines: Three children in Negros Occidental die due to rabies

Three minors in Negros Occidental died this month because of rabies, according to provincial veterinarian Renante Decena on Wednesday (July 22). Records from the Provincial Veterinary Office showed that the victims, ages 9, 10, and 12 years old, came from the cities of Victorias and Sipalay, and the town of Toboso. The 10-year-old female died on July 3, while a 9-year-old male passed away on July 15. The 12-year-old male on July 21, records from PVO also showed. [read more](#)

Philippines: First leptospirosis dead reported in Pangasinan

A 17-year-old from Mangaldan town in flood-hit Pangasinan died from leptospirosis, the first fatality recorded in the province for this year, GMA Dagupan's Jasmin Gabriel reported Tuesday. Provincial Health Office data indicated at least 17 leptospirosis cases from January to mid-July - more than the 15 recorded in the same period last year. Leptospirosis is a disease caused by exposure to water contaminated by animal droppings. It can be contracted via exposure to floodwaters. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Confirmed an outbreak of H5N1 in Vinh Long

An outbreak of HPAI H5N1 was reported in a village poultry in Phu Quoi, Phu Quoi, Long Ho, Vinh Long by the Department of Animal Health to OIE on 24 July 2015 which caused 117 birds died and another 183 destroyed to curb with the outbreak. [read more](#)

Viet Nam: Confirmed an outbreak of H5N6 in Nghe An

An outbreak of HPAI H5N6 was reported in a village poultry in Neighbourhood 5, Quynh Tan, Quynh Luu, Nghe An by the Department of Animal Health to OIE on 24 July 2015 which caused 256 birds died and another 349 destroyed to curb with the outbreak. [read more](#)