



Bangladesh:

07 April 2012: Experts concerned about importing eggs from bird flu affected country

Experts expressed grave concern about importing eggs from “bird flu-affected countries”, suggesting concentration on increasing internal production to save the country’s poultry industry from debacle. The government has decided recently to allow import of 150 million eggs from India to increase supply in the local market for...[\[more\]](#)

08 April, 2012: Poultry sector’s woes

The country's poultry sector is now facing a crisis of immense proportion. The sector operators have claimed that nearly 54000 large, medium and small poultry farms, constituting about 47 per cent of total number of farms, have been shut down over the past few months for a variety of reasons.[\[more\]](#)

Bhutan:

11 April, 2012: Bird flu outbreak suspected in Yangbari

A bird flu outbreak is suspected in Yangbari village in Gongdue, Mongar after 30-40 chicks were reported dead from nine houses last month. The deaths were reported to the department of livestock on March 27 and the samples are yet to be confirmed positive by the national center for animal health in Serbithang, Thimphu.[\[more\]](#)

India:

08 April 2012: Black Quarter (BQ) epidemic hits state, cattle begin to perish-Imphal

Outbreak of Black Quarter (BQ), a common disease among the cattle, has been reported in different parts of the state with large number of cattle already dying from the dreaded diseases. The Veterinary Department has, however, taken up certain measures to control the epidemic and process is underway to vaccinate all cattle in the infected areas and beyond.[\[more\]](#)

09 April, 2012: H1N1 cases in India sparking media hype

Reports of sporadic 2009 H1N1 infections and a few deaths in parts of India have sparked high-profile media coverage of the disease in the country, catching the attention of public health officials and vaccine makers. Global health monitoring has not suggested an unusual spike in flu activity in India.[\[more\]](#)

Nepal:

02 April 2012: Nepal takes control of bird flu

Bird flu and its transmission which broke out in different parts of the country have completely come under control, the government confirmed on Sunday.[\[more\]](#)

Important issues:

North American and European leaders update pandemic plans

Armed with lessons learned during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, government leaders in North America and Europe this week launched new guidance aimed at boosting preparedness for the next influenza pandemic.[\[more\]](#)

Application of a healthy food markets guide to reduce transmission of “avian flu”

Live bird markets have been implicated in the circulation of avian influenza A(H5N1) virus and are a potential source of viral transmission among humans and animals.[\[more\]](#), *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 2012;90:295-300. doi: 10.2471/BLT.11.090829