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KCDC designates India as disease prone

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The Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) has highlighted that from next year, India and Syria will be added to its list of countries contaminated with infectious diseases that could make their way into South Korea.

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Currently, the agency is keeping tabs on six diseases overseas. They are cholera, bubonic plague, yellow fever, polio, the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome or MERS and avian influenza (AI) infection in humans.

The new listings have come after a cholera outbreak was reported in India and polio in Syria. In case of China, regions contaminated with AI in humans have been expanded to 31 provinces with the exclusion of Hong Kong and Macao.