

## HK lifts flight ban from nine countries but not Bangladesh

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**Hong Kong :** Hong Kong relaxed some anti-Covid-19 measures since April 1, lifting a ban on flights from nine countries, reducing quarantine for arrivals from abroad and reopening schools.

A ban on flights from Australia, Britain, Canada, France, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and the United States have been lifted from April 1.

However, flight ban on Bangladesh still remains, which comes as a surprise as the country allowed flights from its neighbours- India and Pakistan- compared to which Bangladesh has done much better in containing the Covid-19 transmission.

Also, hotel quarantine for arrivals could be cut to seven days from 14, if residents tested negative, Chief Executive Carrie Lam said on March 21. She had previously said measures would be in place until April 20.

Public venues including sports facilities would reopen from April 21, she said.

Hong Kong's border has effectively been shut since 2020 with few flights able to land and hardly any passengers allowed to transit.

Lam said social distancing measures would be eased in phases starting April 21, allowing restaurant dining after 6 pm with tables of four people from two currently. Nightclubs, pubs and beaches would be allowed to open in the second phase while people would be allowed to exercise outdoors without a mask.