

## **Biman halts six Middle East routes indefinitely amid airspace concerns**

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Dhaka: Citing escalating geopolitical tensions and mounting airspace security risks in the Middle East, Biman Bangladesh Airlines has indefinitely suspended operations on six of its key Middle Eastern routes.

The national carrier announced the decision on Tuesday (3 March) around noon.

The affected destinations are Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates; Dammam in Saudi Arabia; Doha in Qatar; and Kuwait City in Kuwait.

Bosra Islam, General Manager (Public Relations) of the airline, confirmed the suspension.

Biman said passengers holding tickets for the cancelled flights will be

notified of revised schedules once the regional situation stabilises and flight operations can safely resume.

Reports indicate that amid a war-like situation and heightened security concerns, several countries — including Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, and Jordan — announced temporary airspace closures from the afternoon of 28 February. The move has significantly disrupted operations at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, affecting multiple international carriers operating to and from Dhaka.

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