

Biman cancels all scheduled passenger flights to KSA

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Dhaka: Biman Bangladesh Airlines suspended all its flights to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Jeddah, Riyadh, and Dammam for one week from December 21. The move followed Saudi Arabia's announcement on December 20 about halting international flights for at least a week due to the coronavirus pandemic.

A press release from Biman confirmed the development on December 21.

The kingdom is **"temporarily suspending all international flights -- except in exceptional cases -- for a period of one week, which can be extended by another week,"** said reports.

"Entry to the kingdom through land and seaports will also be suspended for a week, which can be extended by another week," reports added, citing the interior ministry.

The development comes after several European countries banned travel from Britain on Sunday as the UK government warned that a highly infectious new strain of the virus was "out of control".

The passengers of the canceled flights would get priority basis tickets once the flight resumes, the Biman press release said.

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