

Covid-19: KSA suspends all int'l passenger flights till Dec 27

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Dhaka: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) on December 20 announced to suspend all international passenger flights for one week from December 21-27 in response to a new strain of the coronavirus.

Entry to the Kingdom through land and seaports has also been suspended and this period may be extended by another week later.

The decisions were made in response to the emergence of a potent new strain of the virus in the UK and other European countries.

Some flights will be allowed in exceptional circumstances, according to reports.

Anyone who has returned to the Kingdom from European countries or high-risk countries after December 8 is required to quarantine for two weeks from the date of their arrival. They must also undergo a COVID-19 test during their self-isolation period and repeat the test every five days.

Anyone who has returned from or transited through a European or high-risk

country within the last three months must also undergo the test.

The movement of goods, commodities, and supply chains from countries where the mutated virus has not appeared will continue as usual.

These travel restrictions will be reviewed in accordance with coronavirus related developments.

Following the move, airlines operating to and from the country also announced flight suspensions till December 27. Biman Bangladesh Airlines is one of the carriers which made the announcement. It operates flights to Jeddah, Riyadh, and Dammam of Saudi Arabia, which will be halted till further notice.

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