

Govt extends quarantine period for returnees from UK

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Dhaka: The government has extended the quarantine period to seven days, from previously allocated four days, for the inbound passengers from the United Kingdom. The new measure is in effect immediately, said a notice issued by [Bangladesh Biman](#).

Authorities took the decision hours after the latest evidence suggests the new variant of coronavirus that has emerged in the UK may be more deadly.

The data about the new strain has been assessed by scientists on the New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group, which has briefed the government, according to reports.

However, all the evidence remains at a preliminary stage. Studies have already shown it can spread more easily than another version of the virus.

The new variant was first detected in Kent in September. It has since become the dominant version of the virus in England and Northern Ireland and has spread to more than 50 other countries.

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