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Int'l flights to continue amid extended lockdown

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Dhaka: The ongoing countrywide lockdown has been extended till July 14. With that, the international flight operations to and from Bangladesh will continue, <u>announced the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh</u> on July 5 in a notice.

No passengers are currently allowed in Bangladesh from 08 countries: Botswana, India, Mongolia, Namibia, Nepal, Panama, South Africa, and Tunisia.

Bangladeshi expatriates or citizens who have visited these countries within 15 days of travel to Bangladesh are allowed to travel to and from Dhaka, provided that they have special approval from the authorities concerned.

On arrival, they will complete mandatory 14-day institutional quarantine at government nominated hotels at their own expense. Proof of hotel booking must be produced during check-in and verified by an airline representative before the issuing of boarding passes.

Passengers from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Georgia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Oman, UAE, UK, and Uruguay are permitted to travel to Dhaka.

Those with doses of Covid-19 vaccination will have to complete 14 days of home quarantine. However, those without vaccines will have to complete a mandatory 14-day institutional quarantine at government nominated hotels at their own expense.

Passengers from all other countries will have to complete 14-day strict home guarantine.

All incoming or outgoing passengers must possess PCR-based Covid-19 negative certificates. The PCR test should be done within 72 hours of the flight departure time.

Also, those with international air tickets can travel on domestic routes of the airlines to reach their destinations across the country. However, domestic flight operations for local travelers remain suspended till July 14 amid the lockdown extension.

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