

Saudi approves entry of travellers from BD, 24 other countries

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Dhaka: The Civil Aviation General Authority of Saudi Arabia has approved the entry of travellers from 25 countries including Bangladesh.

Immigrants who were stranded in those selected countries due to COVID-19 pandemic can go back to Saudi Arabia, the authority said in a statement.

However, the authority is yet to announce a date from when this will be in effect.

The 25 countries which received approval for entry include: Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, China, the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, France, Austria, Turkey, Greece, Philippines, Malaysia, South Africa, Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Indonesia.

Moreover, Saudi Arabian Airlines cited seven conditions for the passengers returning to the kingdom from these countries based on the directives issued by the Saudi health authorities, once the country lifts its travel restrictions.

The conditions for passengers travelling to the kingdom included filling up and signing a form committing to the health requirements. This form should be submitted to the airport health control center upon arrival.

All passengers shall be subject to home self-quarantine for a period of seven days. The airline also urged all passengers to install two applications – Tatman and Tawakkalna – on their mobiles and make their registrations.

The conditions also included adding location of home on Tatman App within eight hours after the arrival of the passenger; monitoring symptoms of coronavirus; calling 937 immediately in the event of noticing any of the symptom or going to the health center or emergency wing when it is found necessary; and getting access to Tatman to do health assessment on a daily basis.

The airline further urged its passengers to follow precautionary measures during self-quarantine at home, as stated in the health conditions commitment pledge form.