

Singapore bans travellers from BD, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka

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Dhaka: Singapore, in an effort to protect its citizens from another Covid wave, has banned travellers from Bangladesh along with its neighbouring countries Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal from May 8.

Visitors to Singapore who also have a travel history to Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal are barred following the latest move to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

The barred nations are considered high-risk for now as they are currently seeing another outbreak of the highly infectious virus. The ban is imposed on travellers who have been to any of the four nations in the past 14 days.

Earlier, travellers with travel history to these nations over the past 14 days of their departure to Singapore were only required to go into 14-day quarantine at special Covid facilities.

Singapore has also revised its rules for travellers with travel history to Thailand, and travellers will be served with 14-day stay at home notices if they have been to Thailand over the past 14 days. This will be mandatory and unlike before, one cannot opt out of the same.

Singapore has also announced reduced capacity for malls and big standalone stores to curb Covid-19 outbreak. An odd-even entry rule will also be pressed for malls that attract larger number of people.