

Thailand closes border for travellers from Bangladesh

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Dhaka: Thailand has suspended entry of travellers from Bangladesh on May 10 as the resurgence of the coronavirus spread has led to the discovery of the first confirmed cases of the Indian Covid variant in the country.

Thailand has also banned travellers from Nepal and Pakistan while the ban on travellers from India has been effective since May 1.

Thailand Foreign Ministry spokesman Tanee Sangrat said on May 10 that the Thai embassies in Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan had already stopped issuing certificates of entry for non-Thai nationals from May 10 until further notice.

Thai nationals were still allowed to apply for the document, which is needed to return to Thailand during the epidemic, he added.

The ban followed the detection of the Indian variant in a Thai woman and her son who arrived from Pakistan, announced by the Centre for Covid-19 Situation Administration on May 10.

The CCSA had indicated earlier on May 10, during its daily briefing, that entry would be banned from three more countries amid concerns of more cases of the Indian variant.

A certificate of entry is currently compulsory for all people wanting to come to the kingdom.