

No registration required to visit Saint Martin's Island : Ministry

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Dhaka : No registration will be required to visit Saint Martin's Island, said the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on September 5.

The Ministry issued the notice to clarify reports that indicated travellers to the popular island will be required to register prior to their visit.

In a press statement, the Ministry said, "A news item is circulating in various media under the title 'Need to register to go to Saint Martin's, which has attracted the attention of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change."

"In fact, no decision has been taken by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change or the Department of Environment to require registration to visit St Martin's."

The statement also said a seminar was held on September 5 in Cox's Bazar to stop the use of single-use plastic in the country's only coral island.

In the seminar, there was a detailed discussion with the stakeholders on protecting the environment of Saint Martin's Island.

"The need to start a registration system for going to Saint Martin's was discussed there, but no decision of the Department of Environment was announced in this regard," said the Environment Ministry.

Neither the Ministry of the department took any decisions in this regard.