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Advisory on second non- scheduled flight on 13 June 2020

All concerned are aware of the successful operation of the first non-scheduled flight on 8th May 2020 which carried 157 Bangladeshis from Melbourne to Dhaka. COVID-19 situation is getting better in some parts of the world while it is still worsening in other parts.

At this situation, while the High Commission is exploring the possibility of chartering another flight, this time from Sydney, an unconfirmed information is available on Biman, Bangladesh Airlines commencing domestic and international operation soon. Even if Biman does not operate but Dhaka's sky is announced open for other operators, the aviation scenario will change dramatically. Similar changes may happen for airports known as transit hubs (such as Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Doha, Dubai). Needs for special flights may thus change significantly.

It is presumed that a good number of Bangladeshis are stranded here for a few months and are willing to go back home. Hundreds have done registration at the High Commission's website (*Needs Assessment template under COVID-19 Update*). But further clarity on demand is required. Those who have not registered at the "Needs Assessment" template of the High Commission's website (www.bhcanberra.com), please do so. The High Commission will not take responsibility for unregistered citizens.

The High Commission has had some preliminary discussion with Sri Lankan Airlines for a special flight on **13 June 2020**. If a minimum **150 passengers** are available, the High Commission will seek to charter a flight. The following link may be clicked to express intention to take the special flight on 13 June 2020.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcr1NsvBUc2lwT41uaXwl2JtpsuhMz9rHNkrxgyW0ktg6BQ/viewform>

This form will be available to be filled in till 3.00 PM on 01 June 2020.

