



HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
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Advisory on Coronavirus

Facing outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Government of Bangladesh has announced that all commercial passenger flights from Bahrain, India, Kuwait, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Turkey and UAE shall not be allowed to land at any international airport in Bangladesh until 31 March 2020. However Commercial passenger flights to and from China, Hong Kong, Thailand and UK will continue to operate until further notice. Persons who need to depart from Bangladesh may like to use one of these routes. Foreign nationals with valid visas staying in Bangladesh now will have the option of extension of their existing visas by two months.


The New Zealand Government has declared state of emergency today and has already closed its borders for all international visitors (transiting travelers must remain airside and cannot enter New Zealand).

Under such extraordinary circumstances, Bangladeshi visitors, students and others with a temporary New Zealand visa which will expire before 01 April 2020 and are unable to leave New Zealand will need to apply online for a new visa. An interim visa will be issued automatically until their new visa is processed. For those whose visas are due to expire between 01 April and*09 July 2020, will automatically have their visas extended to late September. Confirmation of extensions will be emailed to all visa holders. Please consult following website and contact following email for details:

<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/about-us/covid-19/coronavirus-update-inz-response>

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