<u>Three further flights to bring</u> <u>hundreds of British travellers home</u> <u>from Bangladesh</u>

Press release

The Government has announced three further charter flights from Bangladesh that will bring more than 900 British travellers home to the UK.



Details of the flights are as follows:

- 20 May Dhaka to London
- 26 May Dhaka to London
- 31 May Dhaka to London

People who are most vulnerable will be prioritised for seats on the flights, which will bring the total number chartered by the UK Government from Bangladesh to 12.

Two connecting flights between Sylhet and Dhaka are also taking place on each of the days the flights from Dhaka to London are scheduled. Given the number of people who have already registered for a flight, the majority of seats are likely to be allocated to people who are already on the waiting lists.

To register interest in these flights, and for more information, British travellers should visit the travel advice pages for Bangladesh. If you have previously registered for a charter flight, you do not need to re-register.

Foreign Office Minister of State, Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon said:

These three flights will mean more than 900 British Nationals can return home, bringing the total number of travellers brought back to the UK from Bangladesh to more than 2800.

This has been a huge logistical challenge and we recognise the difficulties that people have faced and are grateful for the

patience and understanding they have shown.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Robert Chatterton Dickson said:

We have worked closely with the Government of Bangladesh, airlines and local authorities to help British travellers in Bangladesh return to the UK, focused on helping the most vulnerable people as a priority. These new flights will continue to do that, enabling hundreds more British visitors to Bangladesh to get back home.''

Since the coronavirus outbreak began, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) has worked consistently with governments, air carriers and travel companies to minimise disruption and help British travellers return home safely – supported with £75 million for special charter flights to priority countries, focused on helping the most vulnerable people.

Further information

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