

Emirates suspends flights from BD till August 7, Etihad 'till further notice'

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Dhaka: Dubai-based Emirates has suspended flights from Bangladesh till August 7, while Abu-Dhabi based Etihad Airlines' flights remain suspended 'till further notice'.

Emirates Airlines on July 28 announced that flights from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka have been suspended till August 7, given the current pandemic situation.

The airline said the move follows the directives of UAE government regarding travel ban on these South Asian countries.

"In line with UAE government's directives, Emirates will be suspending the carriage of passengers from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka to Dubai until August 7, 2021. Furthermore, passengers who have connected through Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, or Sri Lanka in the last 14 days will not be accepted to travel from any other point to the UAE," said Emirates in a statement.

Earlier, another UAE carrier, Etihad Airlines suspended its flights from these countries till further notice. And no official date of the resumption has been released by the airline yet.

In a statement, Etihad mentioned, "Following the recent update our flights from these

countries have been suspended until further notice. As soon as we receive an official communication of changes to this regulation, our website will be updated. Do stay tuned for the latest travel information."