

Covid-19 threat: Emirates suspends flights from Pakistan

DUBAI: Emirates, one of the world's biggest long-haul airlines, has suspended flights from Pakistan after passengers tested positive for coronavirus in Hong Kong, it said on Wednesday.

The Dubai state carrier, which is operating limited services due to the coronavirus pandemic, said the temporary suspension was effective June 24. "We are coordinating closely with the various authorities and will review and implement any required additional measures to satisfy all parties before we resume services from Pakistan," a spokeswoman told British wire service. The airline will continue to operate flights to Pakistan, she said.

This week, South Korea's government temporarily banned most people from Pakistan and Bangladesh from entering after it recorded increases in coronavirus cases from those countries, foreign media reported.

It has also halted non-scheduled flights between South Korea and the two countries, though diplomats and travel for urgent business purposes are exempted from the entry suspension.