

Bahraini Citizens Trapped in Iran During COVID-19 Outbreak: A Timeline

TIMELINE OF THE CRISIS:

- **5 March:**
 - 62 year old Bahraini **Hasan Mansoor Hasan** becomes first Bahraini to die in Iran since the crisis began.
- **6 March:**
 - King Hamed **instructs** Shi'a Jafari Endowments to pay the expenses of Bahrainis trapped in Iran.
- **7 March:**
 - 82 year old **Bahraini Ali Mohamed Ibrahim bin Ali** dies in Iran, according to his reports from his son.
- **8 March:**
 - Bahrain's Parliament **votes** not to return stranded citizens from Iran.
- **10 March:**
 - 54 year old Bahraini **Moosa Abduljabar Al Khoohaji** dies in Iran, according to local news.
 - Bahraini press **announces** the commencement of payments to citizens stranded in Iran from the Jafari Endowments.
 - Bahrain's Minister of Health **announces** the arrival of 165 citizens from Iran on a Salam Air flight organised by the Ministry of Health.
- **11 March:**
 - Minister of Health announces that 77 of the 165 individuals returned the previous day have been **found** to be infected with the Coronavirus.
 - Minister of Health **announces** the next flight will commence on Thursday 12 March.
- **12 March:**
 - Scheduled return flight fails to materialise, without any justification from Bahrain's government.
- **15 March:**
 - 60 year old **Abdul Husain Mansoor Ali Naser** dies in Iran, according to Bahrain Mirror.
- **17 March:**
 - Second flight promised to stranded families also fails to materialise.
- **16 March:**
 - 62 year old **Sayed Hameed Mustafa** dies in Iran, according to reports from activist Ebtisam Al Saegh.

- **18 March:**
 - Ministry of Health **announces** that third flight scheduled for 19 March has been cancelled by the airline
- **23 March:**
 - Ministry of Health **announces** that fourth flight scheduled for 23 March has been cancelled due to 'logistical reasons' by the company contracted to organise the trip.
- **25 March:**
 - Ministry of Health **announces** that the second group of Bahrainis trapped in Iran returned on the night of 25 March on the Iranian Kish Airline. It has been reported that **63** passengers were on the flight, 30% of whom were infected with the virus.
- **27 March:**
 - 76 stranded Bahrainis who attempted to travel home independently via Oman are prevented from boarding a flight back to Manama.
 - On the same day, 31 more stranded Bahrainis are prevented from boarding a plane from Doha back to Bahrain.
 - The Bahraini government **refuses** Qatar's offer to cover the costs of chartering a flight home for their stranded citizens, **accusing** Qatar of "meddling" with their repatriation efforts.
- **28 March:**
 - Mohsen Al Jadeed **becomes** 6th Bahraini confirmed to have passed away in Iran
 - Bahrainis stranded in Qatar and Oman return home. None of those returning from Qatar are found to be infected with coronavirus.
- **30 March:**
 - Bahrain **announces** a "detailed two-month evacuation plan" to bring back 3027 Bahrainis from abroad, including 1630 from Iran.
 - 18 flights have been arranged to bring back those in Iran, which are as follows:
 - Tehran: 6 April, 27 April , 4 May, 18 May
 - Shiraz: 13 April
 - Mashhad: 2 April, 9 April, 16 April, 23 April, 3- April, 7 May, 14 May, 21 May, 25 May, 28 May
 - Lorestan: 30 March, 20 April, 11 May