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Rwanda confirms first case of coronavirus

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Rwanda on Saturday confirmed its first case of coronavirus in the country.

The patient is an Indian citizen who arrived from Mumbai, India on March 8, the Health Ministry said in a statement.

"The patient had no symptoms upon arrival in Rwanda and reported himself to a health facility on March 13, where he was immediately tested. He is currently under treatment in stable condition, isolated from other patients."

The Health Ministry said officials are tracing those he came in contact with after arrival to the country.

Rwanda recently adopted several measures to curb the coronavirus outbreak including suspending students' assemblies in education institutions in the country.

On Monday, authorities announced an indefinite ban on large gatherings during sports activities.

Earlier, authorities canceled planned music concerts.

The pandemic has resulted in more than 5,300 deaths globally,

with 142,000 cases reported, according to the World Health Organization.

However, the vast majority of those who get infected recover.

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