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## Iraq announces 1st case of COVID-19 in Najaf

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Iraqi people wear protective masks, following the outbreak of the new coronavirus, at a hospital in Najaf, Iraq Feb 23, 2020. [Photo/Agencies]

BAGHDAD - Iraq on Monday announced first case of COVID-19 for an Iranian national in the holy Shiite city of Najaf in south of Baghdad, a local medical source said.

The detected case is for an Iranian student for religious studies in the city of Najaf, some 160 km south of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, and his case was confirmed after

laboratory tests carried out during the day, Radhwan al-Kendi, head of Najaf Health Department, said in a statement.



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