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Honduras reports first death from COVID-19

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TEGUCIGALPA, March 26 (Xinhua) -- A 60-year-old Honduran on Thursday became the country's first fatal victim of the COVID-19 pandemic, a local health official said.

The patient died while in the intensive care unit of a hospital in the northern city of San Pedro Sula, said Dinora Nolasco, head of public health in the northwest department of Cortes.

People who had been in contact with the patient have been identified and placed in quarantine, said Nolasco.

The Central American country, home to 3.2 million people, has to date detected 52 cases of the coronavirus.

Honduras' government imposed a curfew 10 days ago to limit mobility and contact between citizens, which is to be lifted on Sunday.

On Wednesday, the government began to deliver food to households in a bid to prevent people from leaving their homes.

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