

# Report: Chad detects first COVID-19 case

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*A man wearing a face mask walks along a street in Rabat, Morocco, on March 16, 2020. Morocco's Ministry of Health on Monday announced nine new COVID-19 cases, bringing its total number of confirmed cases to 37. (Photo by Chadi/Xinhua)*

Chad has registered its first case of COVID-19 this Thursday, local news site [Chadian government](#).

The case is a passenger of Moroccan nationality travelling from Douala, Cameroon.

The patient is being monitored by the medical service, according to a statement from the Chadian government, without giving further details.

Before the first case was detected, the Chadian government had closed the country's international airports from Wednesday, to stop the spread of the virus.

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