
IRAQ: VIRUS LOCKDOWN WON'T AFFECT POPE FRANCIS' TRIP

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Iraq said Saturday that restrictions imposed by the government to curb the spread of coronavirus will not affect Pope Francis visit to the country on March 5.

On Thursday, the Iraqi government declared a two-week partial curfew across the country with the exception of the Kurdish region in an effort to contain a sudden surge in COVID-19 infections. The measures include suspending attending to schools, sports activities, and closure of mosques and parks.

The restrictions are scheduled to be lifted on March 4, amid reports that the precautionary measures may be extended.

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