

## Travel Advice - Australia

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Hours after the shocking attack on two mosques in New Zealand, an Australian Senator issued a statement blaming mosque massacre on Muslims and expressed growing fear within Australian community of the increasing Muslim presence in Australia and New Zealand. Such extremist stand from an Australian Lawmaker triggers fears of hatreds of racisms in Australia.

In this backdrop, Bangladesh nationals living in Australia and Bangladesh nationals travelling to Australia are advised to be vigilant at all times, particularly in public places, stay informed of potential risks to safety and security by monitoring the media and other local information sources. The High Commission of Bangladesh in Canberra remains at service and can be contacted at the following numbers for information:

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## Travel Advice - New Zealand

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Further attacks in public places attacking foreigners are possible. Muslims and Migrants from Bangladesh are advised to be vigilant at all times, particularly in public places, and stay informed of potential risks to safety and security by monitoring the media and other local information sources. We recommend exercising caution around potential attack targets such as mosques, restaurants, markets shopping malls, conference centres, public transport hubs, etc.

Bangladesh nationals travelling New Zealand should have a comprehensive travel insurance policy that includes provision for medical evacuation by air.

The High Commission of Bangladesh in Canberra and Honorary Consul of Bangladesh to Auckland remain at service and can be contacted at the following numbers for information:

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