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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic

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Juba, South Sudan



The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 20th Meeting on the afternoon of Saturday 11th April 2020 under the Chairmanship of **H. E. Dr Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon**, the First Vice President and Deputy Chairman of the **High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19** Pandemic. **The Taskforce** considered Overview on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe.

The Honourable Minister reported there has not been an alert over the last 24 hours. Arrangements are underway to transport 11 samples from the contacts of the third (3rd) case, confirmed in Torit, to the Public Health Laboratory in Juba for testing. **The Honourable Minister** further informed the **High-Level Taskforce** that some contacts decline to provide samples. The Ministry of Health, however, is working with partners to

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ensure that no contacts or samples are missed. It is worth noting that since the outbreak of COVID-19, 91 samples have been collected and tested. Only four (4) samples returned positive. South Sudan now has confirmed four (4) cases.

The High-Level Taskforce directs that contacts must comply and voluntarily come forward for sample collection. Failure to comply, the contact shall be arrested and samples mandatorily collected.

On Requests for Special Permission to entre or leave the country,

The High-Level Taskforce resolves to:

- 1- **Grant** Special Permission for the ET3617 Cargo Flight to Juba on 17th April 2020.
- 2- **Grant** Special Permission to the United Nations Mission (UNMISS) in South Sudan to fly Cargo flights from 15th, 22nd and 29th April 2020. The Crew will remain onboard the aircraft at all times.
- 3- **Grant** Special Permission to the UNMISS to fly in a MEDVAC plane for UN staff and foreign diplomatic staff from South Sudan on 16th, 21st and 30th April 2020. The Crew shall remain onboard at all times.
- 4- **Grant** Special Permission for UNMISS to fly a Cargo Flight from Juba to Nairobi to Juba on 17th April 2020.

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5-**Grant** Special Permission to the United Nations Interim Security Force (UNISFA) to Fly in and out of the Country Cargo flights and planes for emergency purposes only on a case by case basis.

6-**Grant** Special Permission to ZAS Juba Aviation to land Aircraft type CL60 with Registration No. D-AFAB (Ambulance Flight) on 12th April 2020

The High-Level Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic remains seized of the situation.


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Coronavirus (COVID-19)