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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic

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The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 30th Meeting on the afternoon of Monday 20th 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 **High-Level Taskforce** was briefed on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe by the **Honourable Minister for Health**.

The **Honourable Minister** informed the **Taskforce** that Thirty-Six (36) tests of samples collected yesterday from contacts whose quarantine time has elapsed, returned negative. **South Sudan still has four (4) confirmed cases.**

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The High-Level Taskforce informs the public that the door-to-door food distribution as announced earlier, has changed to a community-based distribution, supervised by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RCC) and the World Food Programme.

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

The High-Level Taskforce resolves as follows;

- 1-**Grant** Special Permission to Adong Petroleum to transport Thirteen (130 Vehicles from Juba to Unity State.

- 2-**Grant** Special Permission to the Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) to provide inter-state services through Royal Skyline Ltd plane number 5YBUR from 22nd – 24th April 2020 as follows:
 - a-UNMISS Malakal/Bor,
 - b-UNMISS Bentiu/Yambio,
 - c-UNMISS Kuajok/Torit, and
 - d-UNMISS Bor/Rumbek

All passengers must be tested and produce a certified COVID-19 free status prior to boarding plane.

- 3-Based on the request of the Sudan Embassy in Juba and approval by the South Sudan Customs Service, the **High-level Taskforce** grants Special Permission to Sudanese Embassy to re-export a vehicle from Juba, South Sudan to Sudan.

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The High-Level Taskforce was also informed that Ugandan Health Authorities shared with South Sudan counterpart information about a truck driver who tested positive in Malaba at the Kenya-Uganda border on 16th April 2020, and could not be traced. A truck driver believed to be the one in question was stopped on Monday 20th April 2020 at Nimule Border Post on his way from Juba back to Uganda. The Ministry of Health has launched investigation into the matter including contact tracing.

The High-Level Taskforce commends the government of the People's Republic of China for donating the following items to support South Sudan's fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- a-Diagnostic Kits 200 units,
- b-N95, 15,000,
- c- Surgical Masks; 100,000,
- d-Medical Eye shields, 5,000; and
- e-Surgical Gloves, 5000.

The High-Level Taskforce thanks the Tristar Transport, Trinity Energy LTD, and Atlantic Energy LTD for delivering their donations in support of the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

The High-Level Taskforce welcomes and appreciates donation by the UNDP of five (5) spray machines to support the government's efforts in fighting COVID-19 Pandemic.

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The vehicle's details are as follows:

- a-Make: Toyota 2010
- b-Model: Hilux
- c- Color: White
- d-Engine No. 9628742.

- 4-**Grant** Special Permission to a Private South Sudanese Citizen, Mr Patrick Alison Badi to attend the funeral of his son who passed on in Nairobi on 17 April 2020.
- 5-**Grant** Special Permission to South Sudan Council of Churches to evacuate ten (10) Kenyan nationals from South Sudan to their home country aboard MAF Airline Plane No. 5Y-BRE destined to Lokichoggio on 22nd April 2020.
- 6-**Grant** Special Permission to the World Food Programme to fly a one-off passenger flight to Bor on 22nd April 2020. Each of the 18 Passengers must be tested at the Public Health Laboratory in Juba and must produce a certified evidence of COVID-19 free Status at the Airport prior to boarding the plane.
- 7-**Grant** Special Permission to the MSF to fly one Passenger from Old Fangak to Juba on 24th April 2020.
- 8-**Grant** Special Permission for the transportation of the remains of the late Hon. Baipath Majuec from Khartoum to Juba.

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