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The First Vice President

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The High Level Task-Force

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The High Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 6th Meeting on the afternoon of Saturday 28th March 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. **The Taskforce** considered the following items on the Agenda:

- 1-Overview of the situation of COVID-19 in South Sudan, Region and the Globe.
- 2-Re-organisation of Markets and Public Transport System in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

And following careful consideration of the subject matter and feedback from the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on the situation of the South Sudanese Students on government

scholarship in Ethiopia, the **High Level Taskforce** decides as follows;

On the Predicament of South Sudanese Students on Government Scholarship in Ethiopia,

The High Level Taskforce, welcomes the gesture of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and directs the Ministry of Finance and Planning to act as fast as possible to ensure students are provided for within the shortest time possible.

On the Re-organisation of Markets and Public Transport System,

The High Level Taskforce has observed with concern, that clubs, playing cards under trees and market places ;that Tea and Shisha places, and restaurants are still open in clear defiance of the Presidential Orders. **The High Level Taskforce**, re-affirms its resolve to implement earlier directives on social distancing. None essential staff must continue to stay home on a paid leave. Employers are advised to allow their staff to work from home. Citizens must observe curfew from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM

The Taskforce, therefore, instructs the Police, the Military and the National Security to deploy all what it takes to impose the orders. Those resisting, shall be arrested and arraigned before a competent court of law.

The High Level Taskforce further observed with trepidation that hawkers continue to wonder about; and

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buses, Noah Taxis, Rakshas and Bodabodas overloaded with passengers which, poses a potentially significant risk of spreading the infection.

The Taskforce, therefore resolves to ban hawking; Bodabodas are banned from ferrying passengers except cargo delivery. Rakshas will be permitted to ferry two passengers only, while Noah Taxis and buses shall be allowed to take passengers to half capacity. The **Taskforce** further instructs The Juba City Council and all other City and town Council authorities, and the Traffic Police to impose these orders with immediate effect.

On the Re-organisation of Markets,

The High Level Taskforce directs shops and businesses selling non-essential commodities such as electronics, phones and clothes, hair salons, barber shops, manicure and beauty shops must cease to operate and shut down. Shops and business dealing in food commodities, medicines, fuel, groceries, fruits and vegetables will only be allowed to open.

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



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