



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Communication from The Presidency

No. Thirty-Three (33)

The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic

Tuesday, 21st April 2020

Juba, South Sudan

The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 31st Meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday 21st 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 Fifty-five (55) tests of samples collected yesterday from travelers on peace mission to Tonj returned negative. Fifty (50) more samples, including from 22 contacts, whose quarantine time has elapsed, are still running. So far, 31 out of 101 enlisted contacts, have been

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discharged. **South Sudan still has four (4) confirmed cases.**

On a different note, the truck driver stopped yesterday at Nimule Border Post on their way back from Juba to Uganda, has been identified as the second driver of the same vehicle. He took over from the first driver (who tested positive) at Elegu in Uganda, and crossed into South Sudan on 17th April 2020. He is now treated as a contact and samples have been collected for testing. The Ministry of Health contact tracing teams are working to identifying his/her contacts in South Sudan.

The High-Level Taskforce resolves to extend until further notice all restrictions enforced bide:

a-The Statement of the President on Coronavirus (COVID-19), dated Monday, 16th March 2020 as follows:

- 1- **Postponement** of all international conferences slated to take place in South Sudan.
- 2- **Ban** on all social gatherings such as sporting events, religious events, socio-cultural events such as weddings; and political events.
- 3- **Suspension** of all none essential travels including decline to issue new visas, revoking visas and Residence Permits, and denial of admission at ports of entry to travelers arriving from COVID-19 affected countries.

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b-Communication from the Presidency dated 19th March 2020 on:

- 1-Closure of all pre-schools, schools, Universities, Health Science Institutes and all other institutions of learning.

c-Communication from the Presidency No. Two (2) dated Saturday 21st March 2020 on Restriction of Movement of People:

- 1-**All Unified Forces** at training sites are instructed to remain in their camps, unless instructed otherwise. They must strictly observe infection prevention procedures and including social distancing.
- 2-**Directives and Instructions** to Security and Law Enforcement Agencies to support the Ministry of Health in enforcing isolation, self-quarantine, removing suspects and relocating them to isolation centres.

d- Communication from the Presidency No. Three (3) dated Monday 23rd March 2020 on:

- 1-**Closure** of Juba International Airport and all other International Airports in the face of international flights. The following air operations will be exempt under specific conditions:

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Food Cargo flights, Aircrafts in State of Emergency, Flights passing through South Sudan airspace to destinations further afield, Humanitarian aid operations, including medical and relief flights, Alternate aerodromes identified in the flight plan, including extended diversion time operations, and Technical landings provided that passengers will not disembark.

2- **Closure** of all border crossings in the face of passenger buses and vehicles. Cargo buses and fuel tankers will be exempt.

e-Communication from the Presidency No. Four (4) dated Tuesday, 24th March 2020:

On Social Distancing,

1- **The Presidency** directs the employers, both private and public sectors to make provisions allowing their non-essential staff to stay home on a paid leave.

2- **The Presidency** orders closure of all bars and night clubs. Restaurants may open for takeaway services only till 8:00 PM.

3- **The Presidency** instructs the Law Enforcement Agencies; the Police, the Military, and the National Security Forces to take immediate actions to impose orders,

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and to impose curfew all over the country starting from 8:00 PM to 6:00 PM hours. Emergency service workers, on call hospital staff, airport and security personnel on duty will be provided with distinctive passes/permits.

The High-Level Taskforce resolves to co-opt the Honourable Minister for Justice and Constitutional Development into the High-Level Taskforce.

The High-Level Taskforce welcomes the pledge by the Moonlight Travel and Tour LTD to donate the following items:

- a- Semi Executive Medical Beds, 80.
- b- Head Adjustable Medical Beds, 80.
- c- Medical Mattresses, 80
- d- Medical Bed Pillows, 80
- e- Medical Bed Cover Sets, 80
- f- Hospital three (3) shelves Trolleys, 20
- g- Mobile Ventilators, 13; and
- h- Infusion Stands, 50 Pieces.

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

The High-Level Taskforce resolves as follows;

- 1- **Grant** Special Permission for the bodyguards of the Deputy Ministry for Defence and Veteran Affairs to travel to Rumbek on an official Mission. All passengers must be tested, and must produce a certified evidence of a COVID-19 free status at all times.

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- 2- **Grant** Special Permission to a private citizen Mrs. Rebeccah Gai Majok to travel to Khartoum on a medical mission. The patient and the companion must be tested and must produce a certified evidence of COVID-19 free status prior to travel.
- 3- **Grant** Special Permission for Cargo Aircraft B738F with Registration No. ET-AWC, ET-AVX to land at Juba International Airport from 21st April to 21st May 2020. Each flight will be considered on a case by case basis.
- 4- **Grant** Special Permission to Gossamer Crossing LTD Cargo Aircraft C208B with Registration No. N545GC to land at Wau Airport for refueling enroute from Wilson Airport, Kenya to Bangui, Central African Republic on 18th – 24th April 2020.
- 5- **Grant** Special Permission for Triangle Real Estate and Hatay Companies to temporarily open for supply of construction material to the Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs.
- 6- **Grant** Special Permission for the UNHCR Fuel Tankers to Maban to entre into South Sudan. All the Nine (9) drivers and their Assistants must be tested in Sudan and must produce a certified evidence of COVID-19 free status at the border crossing.

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- 7- **Grant** Special Permission for a private citizen, Mr Santino Bol Bol, to travel to Wau on a medical mission. The patient and their companion, Mr Maker Malual Anei must be tested prior, and must produce a certified evidence of COVID-19 free status prior to departure.
- 8- **Grant** Special Permission to a Cargo Plane in support of UNMISS to fly and land in Wau, Malakal, and Bentiu. The planes, EY-369, TR-0AN and EY-938, operated by ICON Aviation, will depart from Juba International Airport to Wau, Malakal, and Bentiu from 20th April to 11th May 2020. Each flight will be considered on a case by case basis.
- 9- **Grant** Special Permission for exit flight of LZ-CCP operated by World Food Programme on 25th April 2020.
- 10- **Grant** Special Permission for the ICRC to fly passenger planes to different areas of the country on 27th April 2020. All passengers must be tested prior to travel. They must produce a certified evidence of COVID-19 free status prior to boarding the plane.
- 11- **Grant** Special Permission for Lutheran World Federation to transport construction materials from Juba to Ruweng Administrative Area. Passengers on the vehicles must be tested prior to travel.
- 12- **Grant** Special permission for Relief International to transport humanitarian supplies to

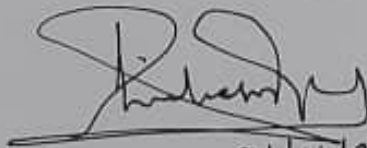
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Maban on Eagle Plane number AN 74 on 23rd April 2020.

- 13- **Grant** Special Permission for Relief International to transport humanitarian supplies to Maban on Eagle Plane number AN 26 on 23rd April 2020.
- 14- **Grant** Special Permission for Nuba Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Organisation (NRRDO) to airlift cargo to Yida Refugee Camp in Ruweng Administrative Area.
- 15- **Grant** Special Permission for MSF to pick cargo from Loki to Juba aboard Aircraft number 5Y-OPM from 25th April to 25th May 2020. Each flight shall be considered on a case by case basis.
- 16- **Grant** Special Permission for Astral Aviation to land cargo flights at Juba International Airport. Flights will be considered on weekly basis, first week starting from 21st April and ends 28th April 2020.

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



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