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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 36th Meeting on the afternoon of Sunday 26th 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**, on Sunday 26th April 2020, the Public Health Laboratory performed 100 tests. Seventy-Six (76) results returned

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negative while a follow up test of a sample collected from the index case returned positive. Twenty-Three (23) tests are still running.

On Contact Tracing, Forty-Three (43) contacts of the fifth case have been identified and samples collected from 41 contacts awaiting test results. For the sixth case, one hundred-and-one (101) contacts are known to health authorities and healthcare teams are working to identify more potential contacts. **South Sudan now has six (6) confirmed cases.**

The High-Level Taskforce resolves to suspend all public transport system between Juba and all other towns and villages in Central Equatoria.

The High-Level Taskforce resolves to suspend all public transport system between Torit and all other towns and villages in Eastern Equatoria.

The High-Level Taskforce reiterates that all members of the public, business owners, hotel owners or managers, public and private institutions must strictly observe and implement the measures and directives contained in the President's Statement on 16th March 2020, Communications from the Presidency No. Three (3) and Four (4) issued on 23rd and 24th March 2020 respectively, and Communication from the Presidency No. Thirty Three (33) issued on 21st April 2020 on Social Distancing as Follows:

- 1- Closure** of all bars and night clubs effective as of midnight on Tuesday 24th March 2020 until further

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notice. Restaurants may open for takeaway services only till 8:00 PM. This order applies to all such service providers including hotels.

2-Suspension of all religious events including Christian Sunday Prayers, Muslim "Salat Al Juma" Prayers, overnight prayers and all other religious congregations; sporting events, socio-cultural events such as weddings, funeral rites, and political functions.

3-Closure of all institutions of learning; nurseries, pre-schools, schools, colleges, universities and health science institutes.

4-Imposition of curfew all over the country starting from 8:00 PM to 6:00 AM until further notice.

The High-Level Taskforce resolves and directs that any, person or group of persons violating these orders shall be deemed to have contravened the laws of the country and shall be arrested, arraigned before a competent court of law and the facility may be closed and or confiscated.

The High-Level Taskforce instructs Law Enforcement Agencies; The Judiciary, The Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs; The Police, The Military, and The National Security Forces to take immediate actions to impose these orders.

The High-Level Taskforce resolves to pass with amendments the Draft Protocol on Quarantine and Movement of Members of the Diplomatic Corps.

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Nations Mission in South Sudan, UN Specialised Agencies, International and Regional Organisation, and all the International NGOs accredited to the Republic of South Sudan during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

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

- 1- **Grant** Special Permission for the private citizen, **Mr Ajo Noel Julius**, to travel to Torit, Eastern Equatoria with his farming equipment loaded on a low bed truck with Registration Number KAX 917 L and Semi-Trailer with Registration Number ZC 3618. **Mr Julius, the drivers and the assistants** must be tested and produce a certified evidence of COVID-19 free status.

- 2- **Grant** Special Permission for Dream Air Aviation to fly cargo flights from Juba to Wau, Juba to Bentiu, and Juba to Aweil from Tuesday 28th April 2020 to Tuesday 12 April 2020. Each flight shall be considered on a case by case basis.

- 3- **Grant** Special Permission for the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to evacuate a critically (pre-existing condition) ill staff member, Ms Martha Nyagak Chuol Gai to Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi aboard the Air Ambulance Aircraft Pilatus PC12 with Registration No. 5Y-FDP. The Patient and any companion must be tested and produce a certified evidence of COVID-19 free status prior to boarding the plane.

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4- **Grant** Special Permission for the Danish Refugee Council to deliver humanitarian cargo to Maban on Aircraft Registration No. TR-OAN, AN26 between 30 April and 8th May 2020. Each flight shall be considered on a case by case basis.

5- **Grant** Special Permission to transport the remains of the Late Victor Lemi Paulino from Khartoum to Juba. The casket shall be accompanied by Beatrice Amude Paulino and Flora Yangi Fanuel. These passengers must observe a 14-day- quarantine

6- **Grant** Special Permission to the Danish Refugee Council to fly a plane with Registration No. 5Y-PEM, Cessna Caravan on a Medivac operation to evacuate a critically ill staff member, Mr Geri Emmanuel Charles from Malakal to Juba.

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


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