



**Republic of South Sudan**  
The First Vice President

**Press Release**

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**Juba, South Sudan**



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**South Sudan has no confirmed case of Corona Virus disease (COVID-19).**

The High Level Taskforce would like to inform the general public that all the 18 samples collected since the outbreak of COVID-19, have tested negative for COVID-19 by Polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

**There is no COVID-19 outbreak in South Sudan as we speak. I am urging people to ignore circulating rumors about the outbreak of the deadly virus in the country. People should not panic and be scared of the rumors being spread by social and local media.**

**The Government** with support from partners has put in place measures to identify, detect, confirm and respond to a case of COVID-19 in South Sudan. As a country, we have established an isolation and a treatment centre, trained rapid response teams and frontline health workers in readiness to respond to possible cases. In



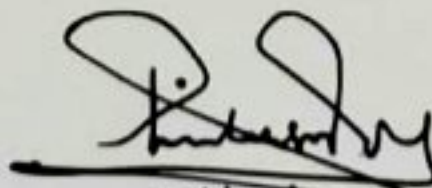
addition, we have also established screening points at border crossings, active surveillance at community and health facilities and have been conducting community awareness with support of partners.

**"The Government** re-iterates its call to the general public to cooperate with the guidelines issued by the **High Level Taskforce** to prevent the importation of COVID-19 to the country.

**COVID-19** is a dangerous disease; however, it is possible to prevent. I urge all South Sudanese who experience signs and symptoms like high fever, cough, and shortness of breath, to call the toll-free hotline **6666** to seek help.

**The Government** of the Republic of South Sudan is working closely with partners, to keep the people in South Sudan safe.

Thank You.



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COVID-19 Pandemic