



Republic of South Sudan
The First Vice President

Communication from the Presidency No.Eleven(11)

The High Level Task-Force on COVID-19 Pandemic

Wednesday, 1st April 2020

Juba, South Sudan

The High Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic held its 10th Meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday 1st 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 Taskforce** considered the following items on the Agenda:

- 1-Overview of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation in South Sudan, the Region and the Globe.
- 2-Report from Minister of Energy and Dams on the Taskforce Directives on Supply of Electricity to Juba Teaching Hospital and Tariffs Charges.
- 3-Presentation from CDC and World Health Organisation (WHO).

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The High Level Taskforce listened to the presentation of the CDC and WHO on the possible scenarios for South Sudan and way forward. The Taskforce also listened to a report presented by the Honourable Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs on border controls. Finally, the **High Level Taskforce** listened to a feedback on connection of Juba Teaching Hospital, Dr John Garang Infectious Disease Centre and Public Health Laboratory.

And after thoughtful consideration of the matters related to the power supply to the health facilities in question;

The High Level Taskforce, welcomes the gesture by the Ezra Company to reduce by 20% the price of KW/h electricity in both public and private sectors, and resolves to review the agreement between the Government and the Ezra Company involving the South Sudan Electricity Corporation. **The Taskforce** further directs the Ezra to immediately connect health and all other vital public institutions to the main power grid on the basis of post-paid service as a hotline.

On the Deployment of Additional Forces on Border Posts;

The High Level Taskforce reaffirms earlier resolutions on border control and directs the Ministries of Health, Interior; Defence and Veteran Affairs to expedite deployment of health personnel and additional forces at border crossings.

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The High Level Taskforce notes with concern that cargo planes, allegedly of humanitarian nature, have been landing at Juba and Wau International Airports without prior arrangements with the **High Level Taskforce**.

The Taskforce re-iterates that exemptions contained in Communication from the Presidency No. 6 are subject to the discretion of the **High Level Taskforce**.

On the Plight of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Protection of Civilian Sites and Displaced Camps;

The High Level Taskforce resolves to engage the leadership of the IDPs about the offer of UNMISS to assist in transporting them to their home areas.

The High Level Taskforce directs the Ministry of Health and Justice to present the Public Health Bill 2020 to the **Presidency** for consideration and enactment.

The High Level Taskforce resolves to grant special permission for the Korean Contingent serving in South Sudan to commence their routine administrative rotations. The Korean Force must provide evidence of quarantine for five weeks in Korea, and must submit to a 14-day- quarantine in South Sudan prior to engaging in their routine service in the country.

Similarly, **the Taskforce** resolves to grant special landing permission to a UNMISS plane supplying Cargo to the Rwandan Contingent in South Sudan.

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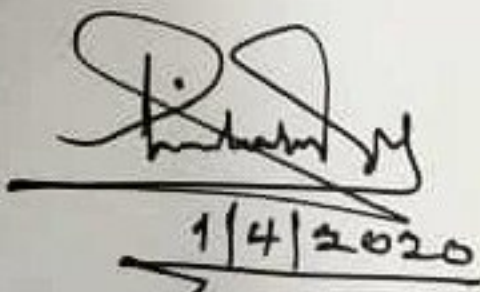


The High Level Taskforce further directs that all UNIMISS and other Humanitarian planes coming into South Sudan must land at Juba International Airport prior to continuing their inward journey into other parts of the country.

The High Level Taskforce welcomes the contribution of the Tristar Company by donating food items in humanitarian aid to support efforts of the government in mitigating social impact of COVID-19 Pandemic.

The High Level Taskforce directs Ministries of Health, and of Environment and Forestry to disinfect all planes landing at Juba International Airport.

The High Level Taskforce on Coronavirus (COVID 19) remains seized of the Situation.


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