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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 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting on the afternoon of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Thirty-Six (36) tests of samples collected yesterday from contacts whose quarantine time has elapsed, returned negative. **South Sudan still has four (4) confirmed cases.**

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**The High-Level Taskforce** was also informed that Ugandan Health Authorities shared with South Sudan counterpart information about a truck driver who tested positive in Malaba at the Kenya-Uganda border on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020, and could not be traced. A truck driver believed to be the one in question was stopped on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at Nimule Border Post on his way from Juba back to Uganda. The Ministry of Health has launched investigation into the matter including contact tracing.

**The High-Level Taskforce** commends the government of the People's Republic of China for donating the following items to support South Sudan's fight against the COVID-19 Pandemic:

- a- Diagnostic Kits 200 units,
- b- N95, 15,000,
- c- Surgical Masks; 100,000,
- d- Medical Eye shields, 5,000; and
- e- Surgical Gloves, 5000.

**The High-Level Taskforce** thanks the Tristar Transport, Trinity Energy LTD, and Atlantic Energy LTD for delivering their donations in support of the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

**The High-Level Taskforce** welcomes and appreciates donation by the UNDP of five (5) spray machines to support the government's efforts in fighting COVID-19 Pandemic.

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**The High-Level Taskforce** informs the public that the door-to-door food distribution as announced earlier, has changed to a community-based distribution, supervised by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RCC) and the World Food Programme.

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

**The High-Level Taskforce** resolves as follows;

- 1- **Grant** Special Permission to Adong Petroleum to transport Thirteen (130 Vehicles from Juba to Unity State.
  
- 2- **Grant** Special Permission to the Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) to provide inter-state services through Royal Skyline Ltd plane number 5YBUR from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 as follows:
  - a- UNMISS Malakal/Bor,
  - b- UNIMISS Bentiu/Yambio,
  - c- UNMISS Kuajok/Torit, and
  - d- UNMISS Bor/Rumbek

All passengers must be tested and produce a certified COVID-19 free status prior to boarding plane.

- 3- Based on the request of the Sudan Embassy in Juba and approval by the South Sudan Customs Service, the **High-level Taskforce** grants Special Permission to Sudanese Embassy to re-export a vehicle from Juba, South Sudan to Sudan.

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The vehicle's details are as follows:

- a- Make: Toyota 2010
- b- Model: Hilux
- c- Color: White
- d- Engine No. 9628742.

- 4- **Grant** Special Permission to a Private South Sudanese Citizen, Mr Patrick Alison Badi to attend the funeral of his son who passed on in Nairobi on 17 April 2020.
- 5- **Grant** Special Permission to South Sudan Council of Churches to evacuate ten (10) Kenyan nationals from South Sudan to their home country aboard MAF Airline Plane No. 5Y-BRE destined to Lokichoggio on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.
- 6- **Grant** Special Permission to the World Food Programme to fly a one-off passenger flight to Bor on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020. Each of the 18 Passengers must be tested at the Public Health Laboratory in Juba and must produce a certified evidence of COVID-19 free Status at the Airport prior to boarding the plane.
- 7- **Grant** Special Permission to the MSF to fly one Passenger from Old Fangak to Juba on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
- 8- **Grant** Special Permission for the transportation of the remains of the late Hon. Baipath Majuec from Khartoum to Juba.

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