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**The High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Juba, South Sudan**

The **High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 Pandemic** held its 34<sup>th</sup> Meeting on the afternoon of Friday 24<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 full investigation and tracing contacts of the fifth case has been launched. Five (5) contact tracing teams are currently at work.

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**Additionally**, Fifty-Four tests of samples taken from travelers to Abeyi have all returned negative. Tests of One Hundred and Forty-Four tests of other samples, including from the third and fourth cases are now running. Sixteen (16) more tests, collected from contacts in Torit, whose quarantine time has elapsed, have just been delivered to the Public Health Laboratory for follow-up testing. A sample collection booth is being set up at the Medical Commission opposite Juba Teaching Hospital. **South Sudan still has five (5) confirmed cases.**

**The High-Level Taskforce** resolves to place a moratorium on the Community Peace Mission championed by the Honourable members of the Warrap Parliamentary caucus for at least three (3) weeks effective as of midnight of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 through midnight of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020. All 83 members of the delegation must observe a 14-day-quarantine period prior to engaging in any activities. This is necessary to allow contact tracing teams to round up and enlist potential contacts of the fifth case.

**The High-Level Taskforce** directs the Judiciary of South Sudan, the Ministries of Interior, Justice and Constitutional affairs and of the Defence and Veterans Affairs to report to the **Taskforce** on the conditions of inmates and remand and make recommendations in line with the directives of the Taskforce on decongestion of prisons and detention centres.

**The High-Level Taskforce** resolves to direct relevant authorities at the National Security, Porthhealth and Civil

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Aviation, both at national and state levels, to assist in facilitating urgent Medivac operations necessary to save lives.

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

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

- 1-**Grant Special Permission** for the Sudanese Embassy vehicles to transport Sudanese peace delegates to their accommodation sites up to 9:00 PM. Security elements enforcing the curfew are advised to escort the delegates to their lodgings.
- 2-**Grant Special Permission** for a Medivac operation from Malakal to Juba of a DRC Staff who suffers from pre-existing medical condition on Aircraft Number 5Y-PEM.
- 3-**Grant Special Permission** to private citizen Ali Achiek Akueth to travel to Khartoum on a medical mission. Mr Ali Achiek will be accompanied by his wife. Both must be tested prior to travel.
- 4-**Grant Special Permission** to Yei River County Health authorities to relocate Ambulance with Chassis No. JTERB-71J20F001055 to Kajokeji.
- 5-**Grant Special Permission** to grant the Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs Cargo Convoys to travel on land to deliver food consignments to Panyume in Central Equatoria State. The vehicles

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Registration Numbers are: SSD 621 M, SSD 496 B, SSD 220 Q.

- 6- **Grant** Special Permission for Alor Airlines to fly Aircraft Antinov-26 B transporting aircraft spare parts to Bangui, Central African Republic on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.
- 7- **Grant** Special Permission for Alor Airlines to fly AN-26 B with Registration No. UP-AN610 from Juba to Bangui, Central African Republic for humanitarian purposes for a period of one month. These flights shall be considered on a weekly basis.
- 8- **Grant** Special Permission for Just 4 U International to transport Cargo of assorted items to Maban on AN-26 B with Registration Number TR-KNG.
- 9- **Grant** Special Permission for WFP to fly a Humanitarian Passenger Plane on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 from Bor -Ulang-Riang-Bor.
- 10- **Grant** Special Permission for the WFP to land and exit plane No. ET-AOF operated by Abyssinian Flights, at Juba International Airport on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
- 11- **Grant** Special Permission for cargo planes No. 5Y-BOD and 5Y-BUR operated by Royal Skylines to transport nutrition and COVID-19 items from Juba to Mandeng in Upper Nile State.

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- 12- **Grant** Special Permission for Sabastar General Trading to transport road construction machines into South Sudan through Pagak border crossing.
- 13- **Grant** Special Permission for a Medevac Flight operated by the Phoenix Aviation Limited to land and exit at Juba International Airport to China on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020. All crew members on rotation must be tested and provide evidence of COVID-19 free status prior to boarding the plane. They must submit to a 14-day quarantine prior to engaging in their routine activities in South Sudan.
- 14- **Grant** Special Permission to transport the remains of the Late Asunta Dobo from Khartoum to Juba. Persons accompanying the casket must be quarantined for 14 days in Juba.
- 15- **Grant** Special Permission for the South Sudan Airlines Association (SSAOU) to carryout general cleaning and fumigation of Juba International Airport.
- 16- **Grant** Special Permission for ICRC to transport forty-five former patients and retunees to their ancestral homes in different parts of the country. All passengers must be tested prior to travel.
- 17- **Grant** Special Permission for USRATUNA to refer the patient Simon Mathali from Juba to Uganda.
- 18- **Grant** Special Permission for UNHAS flights Juba-Maban, Ajuongthok-Juba and Juba-Yambio-

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Juba to fly from Juba International Airport on 30 April 2020. All passengers must be tested prior to travel.

- 19- **Grant** Special Permission from the UNHAS Plane MI-8-MTV registration RA-22811, Juba-Bor-Gum-Ngueny -Bor. Pilots will remain on the plane at all times and do not need to be tested.
- 20- **Grant** Special Permission to Mr Ibrahim Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed, a Sudanese National to travel from Khartoum to Juba. He must be **quarantined for 14 days on arrival.**
- 21- **Grant** Special Permission to clear humanitarian cargo operated by UNICEF to travel by land to from Juba to Kajokeji from 08 May – 07 June 2020.
- 22- **Grant** Special Permission for UNICEF to operate the following road cargo convoys from Juba to Bor; from Juba to Lainya, Yei, Torit, Magwi, Kapoeta, and Nimule; from Juba to Mundri, Maridi, Yambio, Tambura and Wau; from Juba to Terkeka, Mvolo, Yeri, Yirol, Rumbek, Wau, Kuajok, Aweil, Bentiu, Panraing, Abeyi and Yida from 8<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020. All Drivers and Assistants must be tested for COVID-19 prior to leaving Juba. Vehicles must not carry unauthorised passengers at all times.
- 23- **Grant** Special Permission for UNICEF cargo Boats to travel by river from Juba to Bor, Malakal, Kodok, Melut and Renk.

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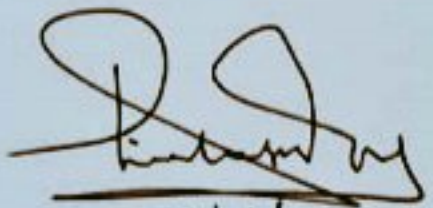


24- **Grant** Special Permission for Care International's Muqtar Elimi to travel on with project supplies with vehicle number SSD491H/ZD7913 to Kich on 26-30 April 2020.

25- **Grant** Special Permission to ACF to transport cash to Old Fangak on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The two passengers must be tested for COVID-19 prior to travel.

26- **Grant** Special Permission to ZOA to transport communication equipment to Pibor. The Official in charge must be tested prior to travel

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

  
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