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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 40th Meeting on the afternoon of Thursday 29th 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, the Public Health Laboratory released 90 results. All these tests returned negative. All confirmed 35 cases are under care in good condition. No patient discharged yet. South Sudan now has Thirty-Five (35) confirmed cases.

The High-Level Taskforce reiterates that staff of Foreign missions, United Nations System and International Organisations returning to their duty stations in South Sudan will only be granted entry after producing evidence of precautionary 14-days quarantine and or certified evidence of COVID-19 free status. Upon arrival, staff must submit to a 14-day-quarantine period prior to engaging in their routine duties.

The High-Level Taskforce directs the Ministries of Health and of Interior to allow vehicles at Nimule Border Post to proceed to Juba under escort of the security personnel to ensure that drivers and their assistants are not interacting with local people along the Juba-Nimule road and back to Nimule. The Taskforce further commends the action taken by the Ministry of interior and Regular Forces to dismantle all check points along Juba-Nimule road.

The High-Level Taskforce grants Special Permission for a Badr Airline plane carrying South Sudanese and Sudanese passengers to land at Juba International Airport.

The High-Level Taskforce directs the Ministry of Health to take necessary action to ensure that Al Cardinal Kidney Hospital functions to its full capacity.

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

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First Vice President

Deputy Chairman of the High-Level Taskforce on

Coronavirus (COVID 19)