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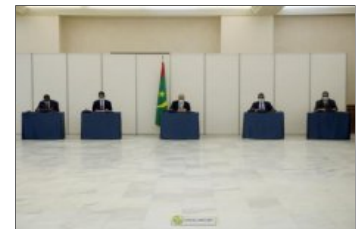


The Interministerial Committee decides to stop all flights to and from Mauritania



the Prime Minister, Mr. Ismaïl Ould Bedda Ould Cheikh Sidiya

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Nouakchott, 15/03/2020 The Interministerial Committee, responsible for monitoring the spread of the coronavirus, has made public, a press release in which it publishes a new series of measures including that relating to the stopping of all departing flights and to airports in Mauritania.

During a meeting it held this Sunday under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Mr. Ismail Bedda Cheikh Sidiya, the committee took stock of the state of execution of the measures taken at the level of the various sectors within the framework of the strategy put in place by the government to stem the spread of COVID-19, in accordance with the instructions of the President of the Republic, Mr. Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani.

Here is the text of the press release that the committee made public after its meeting:

"The Prime Minister, Mr. Ismail Bedda Cheikh Sidiya, chaired today (Editor's note: Yesterday) at the Prime Minister's Office a meeting of the Interministerial Committee responsible for monitoring the spread of COVID-19.

During this meeting, the Committee took note of the latest developments relating to the spread of the virus and the measures taken at the international level to contain and respond to the pandemic.

It examined in depth the prophylactic measures taken at the level of the different sectors as part of the strategy put in place by the government to stem the spread of the scourge, in accordance with the instructions of the President of the Republic, Mr. Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani .

On this basis, the Committee has decided to consolidate the work already carried out and the important steps taken by stopping all flights departing and arriving at airports in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, starting at 8 am on Tuesday, and this to limit the possibilities of transmission of the virus in our country through travelers from the affected countries. This measure is likely to be revised according to the imperatives of the evolution of the situation which is at the origin of it; Mandatory confinement for 14 days of all travelers from the affected areas;

The rigorous execution of the decision to suspend all events and demonstrations which are occasions for the gathering of many people;

Reinforcement of the control of points at land and sea crossings points in the country, and their equipment with materials and instruments which make it possible to detect all suspicious cases and their routing to specialized services;

Vigilant control to deal with the possible implications of the current situation on the economic conditions of the country and on the supply of the local market with basic foodstuffs and medical products;

The organization of a vast awareness campaign in which the various sectors concerned, the regional and local authorities participate, in addition to all the media on the routes of transmission of this scourge, protective measures and means of treatment.

The government undertakes to transmit to citizens, in real time and in all transparency, all information and data, and to respond to rumors and, if necessary, to repress the authors of disinformation.

To immediately implement these measures, the members of the interdepartmental committee were divided into specialized subcommittees responsible respectively for health and safety, means, services and logistics, and economic watch, awareness and communication.

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