

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

STATEMENT ON CABINET DECISIONS OF JULY 29TH 2020

On Wednesday, July 29th 2020, His Excellency Paul KAGAME, the President of the Republic of Rwanda chaired a Cabinet meeting at Urugwiro village.

1. The Cabinet approved resolutions of the previous meeting held on July 15th 2020.
2. **The Cabinet reaffirmed the need for increased vigilance in implementing COVID-19 preventative measures and called on the public to limit unnecessary movements including visits to friends and family.**
3. The Cabinet reviewed existing measures to contain spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and approved the following effective immediately.

These measures will be reviewed after 15 days upon a health assessment.

General preventive measures

- a. Mass screening and testing for COVID-19 will continue nationwide.
- b. Masks must be worn in public at all times.
- c. All resumed services must continue adhering to health guidelines from health authorities (hand hygiene, mask wearing and social distancing).
- d. All traders are required to accept digital payments as an alternative form of payment.
- e. **Movements are prohibited from 9 PM to 5 AM.**

Services to resume/continue

- a. Places of worship may resume for main services in accordance with guidelines issued by the Ministry of Local Government.
- b. Public and private businesses will continue with essential staff while other employees continue working from home.
- c. Tourism will continue and Kanombe International Airport will reopen on August 1st 2020.
- d. Hotels shall continue operations and are encouraged to participate in domestic tourism promotion and offer conference services. All services offered must be in adherence with health guidelines.
- e. Movement within Rusizi district will continue but movements between Rusizi and other districts (except for good and cargo) remain prohibited.
- f. Non-contact outdoor sports is permitted however gyms shall remain closed.

- g. Motos are permitted to carry passengers except in zones under lockdown. Strict hygiene must be observed and masks worn at all times.
- h. Civil marriage ceremonies will continue but should not exceed 15 persons. Religious marriage ceremonies should not exceed 30 people.
- i. Religious ceremonies for burial shall continue with no more than 30 persons. Funeral gatherings should not exceed 30 persons.

Services to remain closed

- a. Land borders will remain closed, except for goods and cargo, as well as returning Rwandan citizens and legal residents.
 - b. Schools will remain closed until September 2020.
 - c. **Mass gatherings in public spaces and homes are prohibited. Attendance at a wake/vigil (kiriyo) must not exceed 15 people at any one time.**
 - d. Gaming activities remain prohibited.
 - e. All bars will remain closed.
4. The Cabinet was briefed on Rwanda Vision 2050.
5. The Cabinet approved the following:
- National land use and development master plan.
 - Policy on school sports.
 - Presidential order governing Rwanda Correctional Service (RCS).
 - Prime Minister's order allocating state land in its private domain for investment, located in Gahini sector, in Kayonza District.
6. The Cabinet meeting approved the agrément for the following Ambassador and envoys designated to represent their respective country/organizations to the Republic of Rwanda:
- **Mr. Amir Muhammad Khan:** High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Republic of Rwanda with residence in Kigali.
 - **Ms. Rolande Pryce:** Country Manager of the World Bank, with residence in Kigali.
 - **Mr. Maxwell Gomera:** Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) based in Kigali.
7. The Minister of Youth and Culture informed Cabinet about Umuganura Day that will be celebrated on August 7th 2020.

Kigali, July 29th 2020



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