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## NEW COVID-19 CONTAINMENT MEASURES

The counties of Kisumu, Siaya, Homa-Bay, Migori, Busia, Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, Kisii, Nyamira, Kericho, Bomet, and Trans-Nzoia have been declared as COVID-19 hotspot zones.

This follows a worrying trend in the average positivity rate of 21 percent posted by the counties, which collectively account for 60 percent of the national caseload.

Consequently, movement between the hotspot zone and the rest of the country except for essential and emergency services is strongly discouraged.

The curfew time within the affected counties has also been revised to start at 7 p.m. until 4 a.m. while all non-food and livestock markets will be suspended for a period of 30 days.

### REVIEWED COVID-19 CONTAINMENT MEASURES

Effective 18th June 2021 the following containment measures shall apply within the COVID-19 hotspot zones of Kisumu, Siaya, Homa-Bay, Migori, Busia, Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, Kisii, Nyamira, Kericho, Bomet, and Trans-Nzoia, as follows:

<b>CURFEW</b> That the curfew within the hotspot zone shall be observed between 07:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. daily	<b>MOVEMENT</b> Except for essential and emergency services, movement between the hotspot zone and the rest of the country is strongly discouraged	<b>CARGO</b> Cross-border cargo drivers required to possess a valid certificate indicating a -ve COVID-19 test conducted no more than 48 hours before their journey. Each cargo truck shall be limited to only 2 persons per vehicle.	<b>MARKETS</b> Weekly non-food and livestock markets are hereby suspended in the Hotspot Zone for a period of 30 days	<b>GATHERINGS</b> All public gatherings and in-person meetings of whatever nature are prohibited within the Hotspot Zone, including house parties and sporting activities	<b>FUNERALS</b> That funerals and interment ceremonies shall be conducted within 72 hours of confirmation of death
<b>VIGILS</b> Night Vigils and overnight processions prior to funerals are prohibited within the Hotspot Zone	<b>FUNERAL ATTENDEES</b> The attendees for funerals within the Hotspot Zone are capped to a maximum of 50 persons	<b>WEDDINGS</b> That the attendees, officiators, and facilitators of weddings, celebrations of marriage or traditional unions, ceremonies of rites of passage, and all other similar events or ceremonies is maintained at 30 persons in total	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> All forms of physical/congregational worship (churches, mosques, temples, shrines) in the hotspot counties are suspended for a period of 30 days	<b>WORKING FROM HOME</b> All employees including the public and private sector, government offices, businesses and companies in the Hotspot Zone are advised to allow employees to work from home, with the exception of employees working in critical or essential services	<b>HOSPITALS</b> In accordance with the Public Order No. 3 of 2021, all hospitals within the Hotspot Zone are directed to limit the number of visitors for hospitalized patients to one (1) visitor per patient per time until further notice

The hours of the ongoing nationwide curfew shall continue to be observed in the rest of the country, from 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. daily

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## GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS TO DRIVE PEACE INITIATIVES

All government administrators have been tasked to steer civic education at the grassroots and advance tolerance and political maturity ahead of the 2022 general elections. While addressing all Regional Commissioners and County Commissioners in Nairobi, Dr. Fred Matiang'i prescribed sustained political education through a multi-agency approach in an effort to tame hate speech and negative ethnicity bred by political fanaticism. "Time is here for us to sensitize our people that it is not good enough to have peaceful elections — it is good enough to have peaceful and meaningful

elections. We need to invest more of our energy in conversations," he said.

The Cabinet Secretary emphasized the conversations will be concentrated in cosmopolitan areas across the country.

He said, "The development of our country is not going to be measured just by the number of projects we have completed — it will also be measured by the level of maturity we have acquired over the years. We have come so far, and we should have a different type of political environment during the upcoming general elections."



The administrators will now join the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) with the ultimate aim of minimizing the use of force and

support the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) in delivering peaceful, transparent, and verifiable elections.

## PURSuing CRIMINALS WHO TORCHED CHIEF'S HOUSE IN KURESOI



The government won't relent on matters concerning intimidation of security officers and will act decisively against the culprits. Dr. Fred Matiang'i visited Chief Joseph Mwangi Kiiru of Temoyota Location, Kuresoi North, after his house was recently torched by some criminals.

He also pointed at the rising cases of child defilement and called for more collaboration from wananchi to enhance

security in the area. "On matters concerning intimidation of our security officials and child defilement, the state will be the first complainant," he said.

The CS divulged that some of the prime suspects are already in police custody, and directed the security team in the area to mount a sustained operation and zero in on the remaining perpetrators within the shortest time possible.

## PEACE INITIATIVES THROUGH BODA BODA OPERATIONS

The government, through the **National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA)**, has stepped up engagement with boda boda operators with a view to mobilizing them to be **peace and security ambassadors** in the country. Ahead of next year's general elections, **PS Dr. Karanja Kibicho** has said the subsector can be a weak link to the stability of the country, particularly during the campaign period, owing to its vulnerability to political manipulation and incitement into violence.

The Authority has been running a progressive registration drive at the grassroots to develop an updated record of all the riders,

who are then integrated into the implementation of the Boda Boda Road Safety Programme in partnership with County Governments and the **BodaBoda Association of Kenya (BAK)**.

NTSA is part of the Technical Committee on Boda Boda Safety, which also comprises **officials from the Ministry's Headquarters, the National Police Service (NPS), and the National Youth Service (NYS)**. Based on provisional results from the team, some **134,695 boda boda riders** have been registered from 34 counties, but the exercise will continue to ensure every operator is brought on board.

## STRENGTHENING KENYA-INDIA BILATERAL TIES

Kenya and India are seeking to deepen their collaboration in **peace and security initiatives**, including the **war against narcotics and prevention and countering violent extremism** and terrorism.

**Dr. (Eng.) Karanja Kibicho** held a high-level ministerial round-table meeting with **H.E. Dr. Subramanyan Jaishankar**, India's Minister for External Affairs at Serena Hotel, Nairobi to discuss the limitless possibilities that would come out of stronger bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

Over the years Kenya and India have enjoyed cordial relations that have broadened and deepened in all aspects of development cooperation. The multifaceted development partnership for the two countries is hinged on trade (textile industries) and health sector, among others. On behalf of the Kenyan government, the PS thanked the Government of India for the continued support in the war against the COVID-19 pandemic through donations of vaccines and treatment for Kenyans travelling to India for medical assistance.



## INPUT FROM MAASAI ELDERS IN PEACE AND SECURITY MATTERS

Elders from the counties of **Narok and Kajiado**, led by **Governor Joseph Ole Lenku**, held direct consultations with **Dr. Fred Matiang'i** seeking to forge more avenues for collaboration with the national government in **fostering peaceful coexistence** from the community level. The elders expressed a strong desire to lead their communities along the

government's peace pathways.

They also expressed a desire for more engagement in **increasing the impact of development projects and programmes** at the grassroots level.



## MASHINANI CORNER



When it comes to the **war against illicit brews**, we have our own signature tune mastered by the security teams on the ground. Our NGAOs team in **Homabay County**, in collaboration with police officers from Othoro Police Station, raided a brewing den concealed

along River Awach in Koluoch Kolal village, Kodumo East, Rachuonyo, and tipped over drums containing 1,000 litres of kangara and **70 litres of changaa** pending the arrest of suspects. Once again, no relenting. Gratitude to wananchi for invaluable tip-offs to our officers.

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