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# Coronavirus – NSA Global Security Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East, Asia Update COVID-19

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## Current Situation

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The death toll from the COVID-19 pandemic that originated in Wuhan, China was recorded at 31,734 as of March 29, while the total number of confirmed cases has reached over 679,977 worldwide. As of March 29, the first COVID-19-related deaths have been recorded in **Monaco, New Zealand, Qatar, Sri Lanka, and Uruguay**.

In India, per March 25 reports, the National Population Register (NPR) and the first phase of the Census 2021, which was supposed to be carried out from April 1 to September 30, has been postponed.

On March 27, the flag carrier of Bangladesh suspended flights to London and Manchester in the UK for seven days. India's Civil Aviation Authority has also extended its suspension of international commercial flights to April 14.

In Turkey on March 27, authorities imposed a 15-day ban on all protest action in Hakkari Province.

In Jordan, the government announced an easing on the ongoing nationwide curfew. Starting from March 25, food stores, pharmacies and beverage shop will be open daily between 10h00 (local time) and 18h00, until further notice. Citizens are allowed to attend such shops. Vehicular traffic remains prohibited except for permit holders.

In DRC, on March 25, the government declared a state of emergency, closed all of the borders, and took measures to quarantine Kinshasa, suspending travel to the city from other provinces.

Effective March 26, Burkina Faso imposed a 14-day quarantine on eight cities in the country with no entry or exit, including Ouagadougou, Bobo-Dioulasso, Boromo, Hounde, Dedougou, Banfora, Manga, and Zorgho. Guinea's government declared a State of Emergency on March 26, while Sudan suspended the movement of public and private transport between states.

In Botswana, the government has suspended all commercial flights from March 29 and in Burundi, authorities have extended the closure of Bujumbura International Airport until April 4. Ethiopian Airlines will suspend all routes from March 29. Meanwhile, on March 27, the Namibian government has announced a 21-day lockdown. In Malawi, international flights have been suspended until April 1.



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## Anti-Foreign Sentiment & Civil Unrest

In addition to the various government-implemented measures and health risks associated with COVID-19, a number of other risks, particularly related to civil unrest and xenophobia have arisen throughout the world.

Anti-foreign incidents have been reported in multiple countries in **Sub-Saharan Africa**. In Kenya, this has included protests against Chinese travelers, as well as violent incidents targeting Asians. Additional incidents have been reported in Ethiopia, with both verbal harassment and small-scale violence. This has grown to include harassment of people who appear to be European in Kenya as well as in Cameroon, Ivory Coast, and Senegal. This trend is likely to continue given that the vast majority of cases in Africa are imported from Europe and COVID-19 is increasingly viewed in many African countries as a disease spread by white people.

Several countries and territories across **Asia** have witnessed protests, most notably Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Such protests have been held against designated quarantine centers, perceived inadequate responses to controlling the outbreak, or to call for a ban on Chinese travelers. Online campaigns with noted anti-China sentiment have circulated in Japan, Indonesia, and Singapore, while Australia reported a spike in racism against Chinese Australians from late January. Protests were also held in Indonesia against the arrival of Chinese travelers, while multiple businesses and restaurants in the aforementioned countries, as well as South Korea and Vietnam, have denied services to Chinese nationals .

## Locations with Confirmed Cases of COVID-19:

<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Djibouti, DRC, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, eSwatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mayotte, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Reunion, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
<b>Middle East</b>	Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE
<b>Asia</b>	Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka,

## Travel Advisories & Measures:

Multiple countries have issued travel advisories or taken measures in relation to the Coronavirus. New updates since the previous report have been bolded.




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## SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Country	Measures
<p><b>ANGOLA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 5 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government suspended all international flights to and from Angola from March 20.</li> <li>All land borders are closed for 15 days from March 20. Additionally, the docking and disembarkation of international passenger ships are prohibited for 15 days from March 20. Public events and gatherings with more than 200 people are prohibited.</li> <li>Educational and religious institutions have suspended all activities.</li> <li>The government declared a State of Emergency on March 26. The presidential decree empowers police and security forces to enforce all health directives and other regulations.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The health ministry announced a fifth confirmed case on March 28, a traveler from Brazil. All cases remain imported.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BENIN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 6 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities have banned all travelers who have been to China within 15 previous days.</li> <li>The government stated on March 19 that all travelers will be subject to 14-day compulsory quarantine if arriving from air. Additionally, any person who fails to self-quarantine will be subject to prosecution.</li> <li>The Ministry of Health installed disinfection equipment and thermal scanners at Cotonou Cadjehoun Airport.</li> <li>The government announced the closure of all churches and other places of worship.</li> <li>Authorities have announced the closure of all educational institutions and suspension of public transportation services from March 13 - April 13.</li> <li>The government has issued a decree establishing a health cordon round the zone composed of the municipalities of Cotonou, Abomey-Calavi, Allada, Ouidah, Seme-Podji, Porto-Novo, Akpro-Misserete and Adjarra effective March 30 through April 13.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BOTSWANA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On March 25, the government closed all of the borders. Only citizens and residents will be able to re-enter at the airport while commercial goods may enter at land borders. However, everyone entering is subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine.</li> <li>On March 13, the government suspended all overseas trips by government officials and suspended the hosting of all international events and conferences to avoid the spread of COVID-19 into the country.</li> <li>The government has prohibited all government or public meetings, with gatherings of more than 100 people banned.</li> <li>The flagship carrier, Air Botswana announced the grounding of all flights for 35 days on March 25.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government has suspended all commercial flights effective March 29.</li> </ul>

<p><b>BURKINA FASO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 207 Confirmed Deaths: 11 Recovered Cases: 21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government has suspended all international flights and closed all land borders from March 21 to April 4 with an exception for commercial traffic.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Transport has suspended road transport from March 23.</li> <li>• The government halted all demonstrations until the end of April. The Catholic Church suspended all public masses, while Islamic organizations have suspended prayers at all mosques and other Muslim cultural ceremonies involving more than 50 people from March 20 until April 4.</li> <li>• Authorities announced the closure of restaurants and markets in Ouagadougou and surrounding rural communes on March 23.</li> <li>• Effective March 26, the government imposed a 14-day quarantine on eight cities in the country with no entry or exit, including Ouagadougou, Bobo-Dioulasso, Boromo, Houde, Dedougou, Banfora, Manga, and Zorgho.</li> <li>• The government has ordered the closure of 36 out of 80 markets in Ouagadougou on March 27.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> 27 more cases were confirmed on March 28, while now 11 people are confirmed to have died.</li> </ul>
<p><b>BURUNDI</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of March 21, authorities have suspended all international flights.</li> <li>• The Foreign Ministry has suspended the issuance of visas. Additionally, all official missions abroad have been suspended until further notice.</li> <li>• On March 24, the government said that all travelers arriving from other countries will have a mandatory 14-day quarantine.</li> <li>• Authorities have extended the closure of Bujumbura International Airport to April 4.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CAMEROON</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 113 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 17, the government announced it would close all borders and suspend all flights in and out of Cameroon. All educational institutions will also remain closed indefinitely. The government also banned gatherings of more than 50 people.</li> <li>• The Port of Douala has implemented a 14-day quarantine for all vessels traveling from areas affected by the coronavirus.</li> <li>• As a precaution, the government has suspended the importation of all animals and animal products from countries that are an "active focal point" for coronavirus.</li> <li>• On March 14, the government officially suspended all official missions to overseas countries.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The ministry of health confirmed 14 new cases on March 29, 13 in Douala and one in Limbe.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CAR</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 6 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government announced a range of restrictions, including new quarantines for those traveling from countries with local transmission, a halt on all mass gatherings, and the closure of bars and clubs for one month.</li> <li>• On March 20, the government announced two more confirmed cases, both individuals coming from France.</li> <li>• On March 26, the authorities stated that three people have recovered.</li> <li>• The government has announced several measures to contain COVID-19, including banning gatherings of more than 15 people, extension of quarantine from 14 to 21</li> </ul>




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	<p>days, and closure of the international airport, schools and places of worship on March 27.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorities confirmed a new case on March 27.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CAPE VERDE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 5 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 8, Cape Verde Airlines suspended its route to Washington, DC in the US through the end of May.</li> <li>• The government announced a ban on all flights to Italy until March 30.</li> <li>• Cabo Verde Airlines (CVA) temporarily suspended all flights for 30 days on March 18.</li> <li>• The government has announced new restrictions to reduce public transport by 50 percent on March 23.</li> <li>• On March 26, the authorities confirmed a new case.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CHAD</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 5 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 16, the government-mandated the closure of the N'djamena International Airport for the next two weeks as a precaution.</li> <li>• Health screening teams were deployed to the border with Cameroon, as of March 9.</li> <li>• The government has announced the closure of all restaurants, bars, gaming centers, and casinos. Additionally, all gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited in public and private spaces.</li> <li>• The government has announced the closure of all non-groceries stores.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Health confirmed two new cases including a Cameroonian national on March 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMOROS</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 20, the government banned the entry of travelers from countries that have declared more than ten cases of COVID-19. The government also banned travelers from China, Italy, Iran, France, Spain, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, and South Africa.</li> <li>• Reports suggest that anyone arriving in Comoros from any country with confirmed cases must have spent 14 days in quarantine in a country that does not have coronavirus to gain entry.</li> <li>• As of March 24, all commercial flights are banned with the exception of cargo. Sea travel between East Africa and Comoros is also set to be banned.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CONGO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 19 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 21, the government closed all air, land, and sea borders, except for cargo.</li> <li>• The government advised citizens to be vigilant and report to a health facility if they have any symptoms following a visit to virus-affected countries.</li> <li>• A fourth case was confirmed on March 21, an individual who had arrived in Pointe-Noire from France.</li> <li>• The government has shut down all religious institutions for the next 30 days on March 23.</li> <li>• 15 new cases were confirmed by authorities on March 27.</li> </ul>

<p><b>DJIBOUTI</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 15 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government has suspended all international travel in and out of Djibouti City, effective March 18. This applies only to passengers, not cargo.</li> <li>• The government announced the suspension of the passenger trains linking Djibouti to Ethiopia, effective from March 20.</li> <li>• The government confirmed nine more cases on March 25.</li> <li>• The government deployed the military in the capital, Djibouti City, to enforce the lockdown on March 25.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, the ministry of health noted that four more cases were confirmed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>DRC</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 65 Confirmed Deaths: 6 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 25, the government declared a state of emergency, closed all of the borders, and took measures to quarantine Kinshasa, suspending travel to the city from other provinces.</li> <li>• President Felix Tshisekedi banned public gatherings of more than 20 people, shut down schools, and churches for four weeks, effective March 19.</li> <li>• The government confirmed seven more cases on March 28.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EQUATORIAL GUINEA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 13 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 13, the Ministry of Health released a statement stating that all land and maritime borders would be closed, international flights restricted and that any passengers showing symptoms of the virus would be compulsorily quarantined for 14 days.</li> <li>• The government announced the postponement of the Exhibition and Forum on Investment in African Oil that was scheduled for June 1-2. It is currently rescheduled for November.</li> <li>• The government prohibited gatherings of more than 10 people on March 17.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government confirmed a new case on March 28.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ERITREA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 6 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Health banned all travel within the country on March 16.</li> <li>• The authorities banned public gatherings of more than 10 people on March 23.</li> <li>• The government banned all commercial flights for two weeks effective from March 25.</li> <li>• The authorities have confirmed two new cases on March 27.</li> <li>• On March 27 onwards, the government has shut down all educational institutions, and banned all public transport within cities as well as between cities and regions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ESWATINI (SWAZILAND)</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 9 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign nationals from high-risk COVID-19 countries are banned from entering, while Swazi citizens returning from these countries will be subjected to screening and mandatory self-isolation for 14 days.</li> <li>• The government declared a state of emergency on March 17 over the pandemic. All educational institutions will remain shut indefinitely, while all public gatherings of more than 50 people are banned.</li> <li>• The government announced a partial lockdown to take effect on March 27, with all unnecessary movements outside the home restricted, with exceptions for food, health, and essential workplaces.</li> </ul>




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> One new case was confirmed on March 29, with one patient recovered.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ETHIOPIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 19 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorities have closed all borders. Additionally, they have banned large gatherings and overcrowding of public transport and mandated the practice of social distancing. Security forces are authorized to enforce these measures.</li> <li>• The government on March 16 suspended all schools, sporting events, and meetings for the next 15 days. Bars and nightclubs have been ordered closed by the government.</li> <li>• Ethiopian Airlines has suspended flights to 30 countries from March 20.</li> <li>• The Minister of Health confirmed an additional case on March 24. The Ethiopian individual had arrived from Dubai on March 19.</li> <li>• The government announced the temporary closure of all university campuses on March 25.</li> <li>• The state government of the Tigray Region declared a State of Emergency, restricting all intra-state movement and public functions on March 26.</li> <li>• The Ethiopian Airlines will suspend all airlines effective March 29.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The ministry of health confirmed three more cases on March 29, one with a recent travel history and two who were in close contact with a confirmed case.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GABON</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 7 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorities have banned the entrance of all passengers from China as of February 8.</li> <li>• On March 17, the government announced restrictions of international flights to and from Gabon to one per week, and one flight per airline. Additionally, all restaurants, bars, and places of worship will remain closed indefinitely.</li> <li>• The government closed all land borders. Authorities also suspended tourist visa issuance to all passengers coming from affected countries, including Europe, China, South Korea, and the US.</li> <li>• New surveillance teams have been deployed to Libreville International Airport to scan for the virus.</li> <li>• The government has instructed its diplomats and others employed by international organizations not to return to Gabon.</li> <li>• The government announced the first death of a patient from COVID-19 on March 20. The victim had underlying conditions and had concealed a recent visit to France where he contracted the virus.</li> <li>• Authorities have imposed a curfew between 19:30 and 06:00 from March 22.</li> <li>• A seventh case was confirmed on March 24.</li> </ul>
<p><b>THE GAMBIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 3 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorities closed the Gambian airspace, except for medicinal cargo flights, as well as the border with Senegal from March 23.</li> <li>• On March 18, the government banned all public gatherings, closed all educational institutions for three weeks. Additionally, the National Assembly suspended all its sessions indefinitely.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Health confirmed the first death on March 22, with the victim being a 70 years-old Bangladesh national.</li> <li>• A third case was confirmed on March 24. All cases thus far were recent travelers.</li> </ul>

<p><b>GHANA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 141 Confirmed Deaths: 5 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government announced that all air, land, and sea borders would be closed on March 22, except for goods and cargo.</li> <li>• The government has also suspended all nonessential international travel for public officers and has placed several health measures at the Ghana-Togo border. All public gatherings have also been banned.</li> <li>• The tourism authority has shut down the country's beaches starting March 24.</li> <li>• One more positive case was confirmed on March 24, with Accra, Kumasi, and Tema all representing the epicenters.</li> <li>• The government announces partial lockdown of various cities across the country, including Accra, Kumasi, Ksoa, and Tema, effective 01:00(local time) on March 30 for a two-week period. It also announced that no vehicle would be allowed to enter or leave the aforementioned cities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GUINEA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 9 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All flights from countries with more than 30 cases have been suspended from March 21 for a month, except for cargo and humanitarian aid.</li> <li>• The government announced limitations on public transportation and shut down the Conakry-Gbessia International Airport on March 23.</li> <li>• Authorities have implemented thermal cameras and other screening measures at all ports of entry, with particular focus on foreigners, missionaries, and students.</li> <li>• A fifth case was confirmed on March 26, a woman who recently traveled to the UK.</li> <li>• The government declared a State of Emergency on March 26. Additionally, the mayor of Labe suspended gatherings for weddings.</li> <li>• Three more cases were confirmed on March 27, two French nationals and a Guinean.</li> <li>• One new case as well as one recovered case confirmed by authorities on March 28</li> </ul>
<p><b>GUINEA-BISSAU</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 2 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government announced the closure of all borders into the country, effective March 18.</li> <li>• Authorities have installed surveillance mechanisms at ports of entry, including Bissau's Osvaldo Vieira International Airport.</li> <li>• The government banned all public gatherings including mass and prayers for all religions. Additionally, all bars and restaurants are ordered to be shut along with all educational institutions.</li> <li>• Reports indicate that there are two positive cases in Bissau as of March 24.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The government declared a state of emergency on March 27, restricting movement and closing all nonessential business.</li> </ul>
<p><b>IVORY COAST</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 140 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land, sea, and air borders are indefinitely closed from March 22. Goods traffic is still permitted across the borders.</li> <li>• On March 23, the authorities declared a state of emergency over the spread of the disease, announcing a 21:00 (local time) to 05:00 curfew, the closing of all restaurants and a restriction on travel between the capital and interior regions.</li> <li>• The government stated that all parks and beaches were to be closed for one month, effective March 18.</li> <li>• All schools have been closed and all sporting and cultural events suspended. Additionally, religious leaders have announced the suspension of public worship.</li> <li>• The government banned all travel into and out of Abidjan on March 25.</li> </ul>




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, the government confirmed 39 additional cases.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KENYA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 38 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The authorities have announced the suspension of all international flights, barring cargo flights, to and from Kenya from March 25. Additionally, those coming into the country till the suspension goes into effect have to undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine at personal cost.</li> <li>• Authorities have noted delays in shipping and processing at Mombasa port due to the increased restrictions both in Kenya and China.</li> <li>• On March 6, the government announced a 30-day ban on all international conferences.</li> <li>• Mombasa County ordered the indefinite closure of beaches and recreational areas.</li> <li>• The Central Bank of Kenya on March 16 has implemented emergency measures to limit the use of cash and to enhance mobile money transfers.</li> <li>• President Uhuru Kenyatta announced a daily curfew from 19:00 - 05:00 (local time) effective from March 27.</li> <li>• The government announced the first full recovery of a patient on March 25.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Seven more cases were confirmed on March 28, all in Nairobi County, including two Congolese and one Chinese national.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The curfew for the coastal region was delayed to 20:30 after clashes were reported on March 27.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LESOTHO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government has imposed new screening measures at Maseru’s Moshoeshoe I International Airport.</li> <li>• Travelers who arrive with a fever from any coronavirus-affected country may be transported to a quarantine facility.</li> <li>• Those traveling from a coronavirus-affected country without any symptoms will be instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days.</li> <li>• On March 10, the government suspended international travel for all government officials and employees.</li> <li>• The government declared COVID-19 as a national emergency on March 19 and closed all educational institutions.</li> <li>• On March 26, the government announced a 21-day lockdown to take place from March 29 to April 21.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIBERIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 3 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All commercial flights except cargo, chartered, and special flights have been suspended by the authorities.</li> <li>• A second case was confirmed on March 17, a domestic worker of the first case.</li> <li>• The government suspended the issuance of passports to Liberian citizens with immediate effect on March 19.</li> </ul>






<p><b>MADAGASCAR</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 28 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All international flights to and from Madagascar have been suspended from March 20 for 30 days.</li> <li>On March 21, the authorities ordered a lockdown of Antananarivo and Toamasina with only stores selling essentials and banks to be open to business. A curfew has been imposed from 20:00 to 5:00 for 15 days.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, the number of total cases rose to 28, with 20 of those presenting as asymptomatic.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MALAWI</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government has prohibited the entry of foreign nationals from countries that are highly affected by the virus. However, Southern African Development Community members are exempt from the restriction.</li> <li>Authorities have announced that residents returning from countries with confirmed cases will be subject to quarantine.</li> <li>Authorities have implemented health surveillance measures at Lilongwe’s Kamuzu International Airport and Blantyre’s Chileka airport.</li> <li>On February 21, the government suspended all visas to China.</li> <li>The government has banned all international meetings and prohibited officials from attending meetings in countries that are affected by the virus.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> Authorities announced that all international flights would be suspended as of April 1 for an unspecified duration.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MALI</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 18 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government suspended all flights from COVID-19 affected countries, effective from March 19.</li> <li>The government ordered the closure of all land borders on March 25</li> <li>Additionally, all educational institutions were closed and public gatherings of more than 50 people were banned.</li> <li>The government confirmed the first two cases in the country on March 25, both Malian nationals who returned from France.</li> <li>The government declared a night-time curfew from 21:00 - 05:00 (local time) on March 25.</li> <li>Authorities confirmed 14 new cases on March 28.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAURITANIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 5 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On March 13, the government suspended all commercial flights to the country.</li> <li>All land and sea borders have been closed by the government on March 22.</li> <li>The government has imposed a nationwide curfew from 20:00 to 06:00 and banned all public gatherings.</li> <li>The government confirmed the third case on March 26, a person who had recently traveled from France.</li> <li>The government cancelled Friday prayers throughout the national territory on March 26.</li> <li>Two new cases were confirmed by authorities on March 27.</li> </ul>



<p><b>MAURITIUS</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 102 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government suspended all flights into Sir Seewoosagur International Airport from 10:00 (local time) on March 19.</li> <li>• The country went on a two-week lockdown from March 20 with all non-essential activities barred.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Health confirmed the first death due to COVID-19, a Belgian national.</li> <li>• The government has instituted a curfew from 20:00 on March 23 to 20:00 on April 2.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Eight new cases were confirmed on March 28, with eight of the total cases now reported to be health care workers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAYOTTE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 63 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to a communique released by the French government, the department of Mayotte has confirmed the first case of COVID-19 on March 14.</li> <li>• The government confirmed an additional case on March 18, a person traveling from mainland France.</li> <li>• The authorities have imposed a curfew between 20:00 to 05:00 (local time).</li> <li>• Authorities have confirmed two new cases with one individual said to have recovered on March 26.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MOZAMBIQUE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 8 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Filipe Nyusi announced the closure of the country to travelers from Europe, Reunion, and Mayotte for 30 days.</li> <li>• Health screening measures have been implemented at all entry points.</li> <li>• From March 23, the government will suspend the issuance of visas and cancel the visas already issued for 30 days.</li> <li>• All educational institutions have been temporarily closed and the government has banned events and gatherings with more than 50 people.</li> <li>• The post at Ressano-Garcia is the only open border crossing with South Africa as of March 23.</li> <li>• Long-distance trains have been canceled while only 50 passengers are allowed per carriage in short-distance trains. Authorities have also decreed that buses will only carry a maximum of 50 passengers from March 23 to April 23.</li> <li>• Authorities confirmed one new case on March 28.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NAMIBIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 8 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The government imposed a partial lockdown order on March 24 and banned all travel to the country. Namibians are banned from leaving and if they return from abroad, they face mandatory quarantine. Commercial traffic is not affected.</li> <li>• On March 15, the government announced the closure of all schools.</li> <li>• One new case was confirmed by the authorities on March 26.</li> <li>• The government has announced a 21-day lockdown on March 27.</li> </ul>




<p><b>NIGER</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 18 Confirmed Deaths: 3 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On March 17, the government announced the closure of all borders and international airports for an indefinite period.</li> <li>All educational institutions, along with bars, nightclubs, cinema theaters, and entertainment venues will also remain closed. Religious leaders have announced the temporary closure of all places of worship.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, eight new cases were confirmed while two additional people died of coronavirus.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NIGERIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 97 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities have halted all international flights to take effect on March 23.</li> <li>The government has shut down all land borders and announced a one-month lockdown on March 23.</li> <li>All tertiary institutions and unity colleges are closed as per the order of the federal government.</li> <li>Anambra, Lagos, Benue, Niger, and Enugu states have announced the closure of all schools. Lagos and Ogun states have banned public gatherings of more than 50 people.</li> <li>The authorities have ordered police personnel to only detain suspects for the most serious offenses.</li> <li>Six more cases were confirmed, including the Bauchi State governor and President Muhammadu Buhari's Chief of Staff.</li> <li>Dana Air, Air Peace, and Arik Air suspended operations. Dana Air will suspend flights from March 25 for two weeks, while Air Peace suspensions will begin on March 27 for 23 days per March 25 reports.</li> <li>Enugu State government closed off all state borders and markets on March 27. Sokoto State also closed all state borders on March 27.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> Eight new cases were confirmed late on March 28, including the Kaduna State governor.</li> </ul>
<p><b>REUNION</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 183 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All nonessential travel to and from the country has been banned including travel to France.</li> <li>Health checks have been implemented at Roland Garros airport.</li> <li>The prefect of the island requested that all Reunionese stay home.</li> <li>All public gatherings of more than 100 people are banned and schools closed.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The French government confirmed that the number of cases rose to 183 as of March 28.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RWANDA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 60 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All passenger flights to and from the country will be suspended for 30 days, effective March 20.</li> <li>The government imposed a ban on all public gatherings in Kigali as a precaution, which includes concerts, conferences, and other events. Subsequently, they closed schools and houses of worship.</li> <li>Authorities announced new restrictions on movement, to be kept to essential needs only, work from home except for essential personnel, and closure of all nonessential shops. This took effect on March 21.</li> </ul>





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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government has closed all borders with only goods and cargo and returning Rwandan residents allowed entry. Any returning citizen is subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> Six more cases were confirmed on March 28, including travelers from Dubai and the US.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SAO TOME &amp; PRINCIPE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorities banned all air travel on March 22.</li> <li>The government declared a state of emergency. Foreign nationals will be prevented from entering, travelers will have a mandatory quarantine, all public gatherings are banned, and schools are closed, to take effect on March 20.</li> <li>The government has mandated that all passengers provide proof of being tested for COVID-19 while entering the country.</li> <li>Authorities have imposed screening measures and established an isolation center at Sao Tome &amp; Principe International Airport on Sao Tome Island.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SENEGAL</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 142 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 27</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government will suspend all international commercial flights on the night of March 20, intended to last until at least April 17.</li> <li>Thermal cameras and other screening measures have been implemented at Dakar's Blaise Diagne International Airport as well as at the Dakar port and Kalifourou border crossing with Guinea.</li> <li>Port authorities have announced increased screening and health checks of those arriving in Senegal by boat from countries affected by coronavirus.</li> <li>President Macky Sall banned public demonstrations and events for 30 days and suspended schools for three weeks.</li> <li>On March 23, the authorities declared a state of emergency over the spread of the disease, announcing a 20:00 (local time) to 06:00 curfew, the closing of all restaurants and a restriction on travel between the capital and interior regions.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The ministry of health announced that 12 more cases were confirmed on March 29, four imported cases and eight who had contact with known cases.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SEYCHELLES</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 7 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government announced the suspension of all international flights effective on March 27. Only Seychellois citizens will be allowed to enter the country and face mandatory quarantine upon arrival.</li> <li>The seventh case was confirmed on March 20, a Seychellois who had been in contact with a positive case.</li> </ul>



<p><b>SIERRA LEONE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All international flights have been suspended from March 21 until further notice.</li> <li>President Julius Maadia Bio declared a 12-month state of emergency, though said that it does not constitute a lockdown.</li> <li>The government has closed all of its land borders for 30 days effective March 27.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SOMALIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 3 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government suspended all travel in and out of the country, effective March 18.</li> <li>The government has implemented health screening measures at Mogadishu's Aden Adde International Airport as of February 5. A quarantine unit has reportedly been established at the airport.</li> <li>The Ministry of Health confirmed the first case in Mogadishu on March 16, a Somali citizen who returned from China.</li> <li>The authorities have suspended all domestic flights effective March 28. Planes carrying food and medicines would have to give 24 hours notice of their flight schedule. Puntland authorities closed all its borders with Ethiopia on March 28.</li> <li>A third case was confirmed on March 28, a foreign national at Mogadishu airport's secure Halane base.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SOMALILAND</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government banned flights from China, Italy, Iran, France, Spain, South Korea, Kenya, Somalia, for four weeks effective from March 19.</li> <li>The Somaliland government announced the deployment of health officials to Hargeisa Egal International Airport for preventative measures.</li> <li>The Somaliland authorities announced that all schools would be closed and all public gatherings banned for one month, starting March 17.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SOUTH AFRICA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 927 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On March 23, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a 21-day nationwide lockdown starting from March 26 to April 16. Essential supplies and medical treatment will be available, while public transit will be closed. Security forces have been authorized to enforce these measures.</li> <li>The government has banned the entrance of foreign nationals from high-risk countries including France, Germany, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Spain, the US, and the UK. Authorities have canceled visa issuance to these countries and thus revoked previously-granted visas.</li> <li>South African Airways (SAA) has suspended all international flights till May 31.</li> <li>35 out of 53 land ports will be closed as of March 16, as well as two of eight seaports for passenger and crew exchanges.</li> <li>The government has suspended schools from March 18 and prohibited all gatherings of more than 100 people.</li> <li>Parliament will be closed indefinitely and all non-essential official travel abroad has been suspended.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government announced that the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) will be deployed nationwide to assist police on March 26.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> The government published updated statistics on March 28 that elevated the total number of cases to 1,187.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SOUTH SUDAN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 0 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government closed all airports and land borders on March 23, with exceptions for humanitarian aid.</li> <li>On March 16, the government banned all public events and imposed a self-quarantine on senior government officials arriving from countries with COVID-19 cases.</li> <li>The government ordered the closure of all schools and universities and banned all religious and sporting events.</li> <li>A nighttime curfew was imposed from 20:00 to 06:00 as of March 24.</li> <li>Upper Nile State, including the Maban, Renk and Melut counties are in lockdown after hundreds of people escaped a quarantine center in Renk on March 27. The government will also prosecute any individuals defying virus screening orders effective March 27.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SUDAN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 5 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On March 16, the government announced the closure of all airports and border crossings except for humanitarian aid and commercial shipments of goods.</li> <li>On March 13, the government suspended all flights to and from the Republic of Korea, China, Japan, Italy, Iran, Spain, Egypt, and France. It also closed its land border with Egypt.</li> <li>On March 19, the Civil Aviation Authority decided to briefly re-open Khartoum airport to air traffic for 48 hours, effective March 19 evening, to enable Sudanese stranded abroad by travel restrictions to return to Sudan, and to allow foreigners to leave.</li> <li>The authorities have suspended the bus service between Egypt and Sudan.</li> <li>On March 24, the authorities declared a partial nationwide curfew from 20:00 (local time) to 06:00.</li> <li>The government suspended the movement of public, and private transport between states on March 26.</li> <li>Two more cases were confirmed on March 27, with all cases imported.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TANZANIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 14 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The government has implemented screening measures at Dar es Salaam's Julius Nyerere International Airport, Kilimanjaro Airport, and Mwanza Airport, as well as at other ports and land entry points.</li> <li>On March 17, the government banned all public gatherings, closed schools, and suspended sports leagues.</li> <li>All passengers arriving from high-risk countries will be quarantined at their own expense at government-designated facilities.</li> <li>The government confirmed an additional case on March 25.</li> <li>Air Tanzania and Precision Air have suspended all international flights from March 25.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> A third case was confirmed in Zanzibar on March 28, a local national who had traveled from the UK.</li> </ul>


<p><b>TOGO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 28 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On March 17, the government banned the entry of any persons returning from COVID-19 affected nations, excluding Togolese citizens.</li> <li>Authorities have imposed health screenings and isolation facilities at Lome's Gnassingbe Eyadema International Airport.</li> <li>All cultural or sporting events are suspended, with a prohibition on public gatherings of more than 100 people.</li> <li>The government confirmed an additional three cases on March 25 and reported that one recovered patient has been released.</li> <li>Authorities confirmed the country's first corona-related death on March 27.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> Three new cases were confirmed on March 28, including two with recent travel history.</li> </ul>
<p><b>UGANDA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 30 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective on March 22, all borders have been closed and all air travel has been banned.</li> <li>The government announced that all political and religious gatherings would be suspended and schools will be closed for one month starting on March 20. All Ugandans returning to the country from abroad will face a mandatory quarantine.</li> <li>President Yoweri Museveni ordered the immediate suspension of all public transport nationwide for 14 days on March 25.</li> <li>The government announced the suspension of reception of refugees and asylum seekers with immediate effect for a period of 30 days on March 25.</li> <li>The government has reduced working hours of banking institutions which will now operate from 09:00 to 15:00 on March 27.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> Seven new cases were confirmed on March 28.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ZAMBIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 29 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From March 16, all visitors who have recently traveled to countries affected by coronavirus will have to spend 14 days in quarantine.</li> <li>The government closed all schools and universities as of March 20.</li> <li>The government confirmed nine more cases on March 25 and announced widespread restrictions to close bars, casinos, and other leisure venues. Restaurants will be takeaway only.</li> <li>The government announced that international airports in Ndola, Livingstone, Mfuwe will suspend international flights until further notice from March 26.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> Seven new cases were confirmed on March 29.</li> </ul>
<p><b>ZIMBABWE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 7 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On March 23, President Emmerson Mnangagwa closed all borders to inbound and outbound traffic except for cargo and returning Zimbabwean citizens, who would be quarantined. All bars, restaurants, and other entertainment venues are closed.</li> <li>All schools and tertiary institutions are closed as of March 24.</li> <li>Authorities confirmed the first coronavirus-related death on March 23.</li> <li>The government banned all gatherings of more than 100 people on March 26.</li> <li>The Ministry of Health confirmed two new cases on March 26.</li> <li>Authorities announced a 21-day lockdown effective March 30, with only essential services open at this time. Security forces will be deployed to monitor the lockdown and enforce government directives.</li> </ul>

## MIDDLE EAST


Country	Measures
<p><b>BAHRAIN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 499 Confirmed Deaths: 4 Recovered Cases: 272</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorities reportedly issued travel bans to Iran, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, and South Korea on February 21.</li> <li>• Also on February 21, the authorities announced that all foreign visitors who have visited China, Iran, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, and South Korea in the past 14 days will be denied entry into Bahrain.</li> <li>• On February 27, Bahrain’s Civil Aviation Agency (CAA) confirmed the suspension of all flight operations to and from Iraq and Lebanon, until further notice.</li> <li>• On March 7, the Ministry of Health (MoH) asked individuals returning to the Kingdom from Lebanon, Egypt, Italy, and South Korea to self-quarantine for two weeks and register for an examination via the MoH website.</li> <li>• Gulf Air, the national air carrier of Bahrain, temporarily suspended its flights to and from a number of airports in Pakistan from March 14 to March 31.</li> <li>• The US Embassy in Manama reported on the closure of the King Fahd Causeway, which connects Bahrain to Saudi Arabia, to non-commercial traffic as of March 14. According to the statement, neither commuters nor tourists will be permitted to use the causeway to travel between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia until further notice.</li> <li>• During the National Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus Conference on March 22, the authorities announced that they will be temporarily closing all retail stores from March 26 to April 9. However, hypermarkets, supermarkets, cold stores, bakeries, and banks will remain open. Meanwhile, gatherings at public parks and beaches have been prohibited until further notice. In general, public gatherings of more than five individuals have been banned in the country.</li> <li>• Bahrain’s state-owned news agency reported on March 24 that the Bahraini Cabinet approved an 11.44 billion USD economic package to fight the coronavirus outbreak.</li> <li>• The MoH reported on March 26 that the government announced a ban on gatherings of more than five individuals on roads, yards, beaches, parks, and other public places.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 29, Bahrain’s MoH reported that the total number of coronavirus cases is 499. 272 patients have recovered so far.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EGYPT</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 576 Confirmed Deaths: 36 Recovered Cases: 121</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 14, the authorities decided to close down universities and schools, starting from March 15 for two weeks.</li> <li>• According to March 16 reports, Egypt announced the closure of all religious shrines, gyms, and sports centers, until further notice, following the Prime Minister’s (PM) orders to prevent mass gatherings.</li> <li>• Egypt’s Prime Minister reportedly announced that all shopping centers, restaurants, cafes, nightclubs, bars, and casinos in the country will be shut down every night between 19:00 (local time) and 06:00, starting from March 19 until March 31.</li> <li>• On March 21, Egypt reportedly decided to suspend mass prayers in mosques and churches for two weeks.</li> </ul>







	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 21, Egypt reportedly decided to close museums and archeological sites from March 23 to 31.</li> <li>• On March 23, the US Embassy in Cairo announced that it will be suspending routine consular services from March 24 until further notice. In case of an emergency, US citizens are advised to visit the following website for additional information: <a href="https://eg.usembassy.gov/">https://eg.usembassy.gov/</a>.</li> <li>• Reports quoting Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly indicate that the Egyptian authorities will impose a nationwide curfew between 19:00 (local time) to 06:00 from March 25 until April 8. Public services will reportedly be inoperational during the time of the curfew. Schools and universities across the country will also remain closed until April 8.</li> <li>• The authorities extended the suspension of air traffic at all Egyptian airports for an additional two weeks, from April 1 until April 15. This extension follows the initial directive announced on March 16, wherein all air traffic was suspended from March 19 to March 31.</li> <li>• The US Embassy in Cairo announced that Air Cairo is offering flights departing from Hurghada, Sharm el-Sheikh, and Cairo to London’s Gatwick International Airport on March 29. US citizens are reportedly eligible to purchase tickets if they have also confirmed separate onward travel to the US. Further information about UK entry requirements can be found here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control">https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control</a>.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, the MoH announced 40 new coronavirus cases, raising the total number to 576. Six individuals died, and five recovered from the virus.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 29, the Central Bank of Egypt reportedly announced a temporary limit on withdrawal and deposits. The daily limit for individuals is 10,000 Egyptian pounds (636 USD), and 50,000 pounds (3,180 USD) for companies. Enterprises are exempted from this limit if the money is used to pay salaries. At ATMs, withdrawals and deposits will be limited to 5,000 pounds (318 USD) per day. The time frame of the measure has not been specified.</li> </ul>
<p><b>JORDAN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 246 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 14, the authorities announced the closure of schools, universities, and nurseries starting from March 15 for two weeks. All public events and gatherings including funerals and weddings are prohibited. This also applies to prayers in churches and mosques as well.</li> <li>• Jordanian authorities announced on March 14 the cancellation of all international flights to and from Jordan starting from March 17 until further notice. All land and sea border crossings will be closed to passenger traffic but will remain open for commercial traffic. The staff of diplomatic missions and international organizations are exempted from the travel ban, however, they will need to quarantine for 14 days.</li> <li>• On March 17, the government announced a ban on all travel between governorates in Jordan as well as advised citizens to avoid all nonessential movement within cities, except in case of an emergency. All government and private institutions, except sectors considered as “vital” by the prime minister, such as the health sector, will be closed. Public transport across the country will be suspended and the assembly of more than ten people will be banned. All commercial centers will be closed, except for pharmacies, bakeries, stores supplying food, water, electricity, and fuel. All non-</li> </ul>





	<p>emergency medical operations will be suspended throughout the country. These measures will come into effect on March 18 and last until April 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 17, Jordan announced the closure of all certification centers, except the ones at the headquarter, at the Jordanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs, until further notice.</li> <li>• On March 18, the Jordanian Armed Forces (JAF) announced the closure of all crossing points from and to Amman, starting from 07:00 (local time) on March 19, until further notice. Relevant bodies known to the JAF, including security services, and people whose "nature of work" requires them to enter the capital, will be exempt from this decision.</li> <li>• A nationwide lockdown was implemented by the authorities starting at 07:00 (local time) on March 21 until further notice.</li> <li>• The government announced an easing of the ongoing nationwide curfew. Starting from March 25, food stores, pharmacies, and beverage shops will be open daily between 10:00 (local time) and 18:00, until further notice. Citizens are allowed to attend such shops. Vehicular traffic remains prohibited except for permit holders.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, Jordan's Ministry of Health announced that 11 new cases have been recorded, bringing the total number of cases to 246.</li> </ul>
<p><b>KUWAIT</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 255 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 67</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 9, the Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior (MoI) decided to close down cinemas, theaters, as well as public and private wedding halls until further notice.</li> <li>• Reports from March 11 indicate that the MoI and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been instructed to stop issuing all visas, except for travelers holding a diplomatic passport who have received prior authorization to enter the country from the Ministry of Health. Furthermore, all citizens arriving in Kuwait will have to undergo compulsory quarantine at their private residence or in an authorized center for a period determined by the MoH as a precautionary measure.</li> <li>• According to Kuwait's official news agency, all commercial flights in and out of the Kuwait International Airport will be suspended from March 13 onwards. Flight arrivals will be restricted to Kuwaitis and their "first-degree relatives".</li> <li>• The Kuwaiti government announced on March 10 the closure of its land borders with Saudi Arabia and Iraq.</li> <li>• The Kuwaiti government announced the suspension of work in all "ministries, government agencies, bodies and institutes" from March 12 to April 9, as a precautionary measure against the coronavirus. According to the statement, "Employees essential to certain operations" will continue working and will be paid "in accordance with overtime rates".</li> <li>• On March 12, the MoH called on all expatriates that arrived in the country on February 27 and after to visit the ministry's new headquarters (at Kuwait Fair Grounds, 6th Ring Road entrance, Hall No. 6) to adhere to the ongoing precautionary measures. Non-attendance will result in a penalty. All expatriates are required to bring their IDs and passports.</li> <li>• On March 14, the government's spokesperson said that all shopping malls and hairdressers in the country will be shut down due to the coronavirus, and that coffee</li> </ul>

	<p>shops and restaurants will not be allowed to receive more than five customers at once.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to March 18 reports, authorities announced a ban on social gatherings, including weddings, across the country. The ban extends to both public and private venues. The Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced that individuals in violation of the ban will be subject to imprisonment of up to three months or a fine ranging from 160 to 643 USD. The statement further indicated that police personnel has been tasked with enforcing the ban.</li> <li>• According to March 19 reports, authorities announced the closure of all educational institutions, including both public and private schools as well as universities, until August 4.</li> <li>• According to the official news agency, during the evening hours of March 21, Kuwait's Interior Minister Anas al-Saleh announced a nationwide curfew to be implemented every evening from 17:00 (local time) to 04:00. The measure will come into effect on March 22 and will continue until further notice.</li> <li>• The suspension of non-essential government services, which was initially implemented from March 12 and slated to conclude on March 26, has been extended by two additional weeks.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 29, the Ministry of Health (MoH) announced 20 new cases of coronavirus, bringing the total number to 255.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LEBANON</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 438 Confirmed Deaths: 7 Recovered Cases: 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 13, the US Embassy in Beirut published a statement announcing the suspension of consular services from March 16 until further notice. The consular section is also suspending non-emergency visa operations. The statement further indicated that the US Embassy in Beirut will be providing emergency services to US citizens on a "case-by-case" basis. US citizens with verifiable emergency situations and confirmed travel tickets may contact the embassy to request an appointment. Immigrant visa appointments will be rescheduled to a later date.</li> <li>• According to Lebanon's official news agency, the authorities have declared a national emergency in Lebanon on March 15 due to the spread of coronavirus. They have requested citizens to minimize nonessential movement across the country and have imposed a two-week closure on public and private institutions from March 15. These measures will exclude public institutions that perform vital tasks and private firms related to "food security", as well as the medical sector, banks, money exchange services, and import and export companies.</li> <li>• On March 21, Lebanon's Prime Minister called on citizens to implement a "self-curfew" and urged authorities and security forces to "step up measures to keep citizens at home".</li> <li>• On March 26, the Lebanese government announced its decision to extend the national emergency until April 12. The emergency was earlier slated to end on March 30.</li> <li>• According to the official news agency, the Lebanese Cabinet has decided to impose a partial curfew, which requires all businesses to be closed from 19:00 (local time) to 05:00 every night. The report does not specify the date on which this curfew will</li> </ul>





	<p>come into effect. The government is expected to soon release a circular to announce which business sectors will be exempt from the slated partial curfew.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beirut's Rafik Hariri International Airport will reportedly remain closed to all passenger traffic until April 12 in line with the extension of the national emergency. The airport will remain open only for cargo planes and passenger planes carrying United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) members, diplomatic crews, the staff of international organizations, and employees of firms linked to partial oil and gas drilling in Lebanon's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).</li> <li>• On March 27, the US Embassy in Lebanon announced the departure of all non-emergency embassy personnel from the country. Routine consular operations remain suspended. The Consular Section is staffed to provide limited emergency services to US citizens on a case-by-case basis.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 29, the Lebanese Ministry of Health (MoH) stated that 26 additional positive coronavirus cases were recorded over the past 24 hours. This brings the total number to 438.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MOROCCO</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 437 Confirmed Deaths: 26 Recovered Cases: 12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to a statement released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on March 15, all incoming and outgoing international flights will be suspended until further notice.</li> <li>• On March 16, Morocco announced the closure of all mosques, restaurants, cinemas, halls for recreation and luxury purposes, gyms, and stadiums in the country until further notice. Stores selling essential goods, and restaurants providing home food delivery will remain open.</li> <li>• Morocco's state news agency announced that authorities will impose a "state of health emergency" from 18:00 (local time) on March 20 to 18:00 on April 20. Those wishing to leave their homes will be required to obtain an official document from the relevant authorities. Only citizens working in vital sectors, such as banks, gas stations, the food industry, pharmacies, hospitals and clinics, telecommunication firms and shops that sell cleaning materials, are allowed to carry these documents. Moreover, mobility will be limited to those employees who must be present in their workplaces, provided that they carry a certificate signed by their employers. Citizens will reportedly be allowed outside only for primordial purposes such as purchasing supplies, food, getting medicine, and treatment. The MoI reportedly stated that those found in violation of the aforementioned restrictions are liable to be penalized.</li> <li>• Morocco will reportedly suspend all train services throughout the country, starting from March 23. Reports citing the MoI further indicate that all intercity buses will be suspended, starting from 00:01 on March 24.</li> <li>• On March 21, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced that its national air carrier, Royal Air Maroc, has suspended all domestic flights in line with the state of emergency, until further notice.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 29, the MoH announced 79 new coronavirus cases have been recorded, raising the total number of confirmed cases to 437 in the country. Additionally, three individuals died and one recovered from the virus.</li> </ul>




<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OMAN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 167 Confirmed Deaths: 0 Recovered Cases: 23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to February 5 reports, Oman’s Ministry of Health (MoH) has intensified the preventive measures to control the spread of coronavirus at all entry points i.e. air, land, and sea including distributing self-disclosure form to arriving passengers at various entry points, seeking details about the presence of any symptoms.</li> <li>• On February 25, the Omani authorities reportedly suspended export operations with Iranian vessels at the Port of Khasab.</li> <li>• According to Oman's official news agency, schools and sports tournaments have been suspended. Tourist cruise ships are no longer allowed to dock. The measure is slated to last for one month.</li> <li>• On March 15, the government stated that Friday prayers across the country will be suspended. All public parks will be closed and social gatherings, such as weddings, will be prohibited, starting from March 17.</li> <li>• Oman’s Ministry of Transport reportedly announced on March 18 that all public transport facilities in the Sultanate will be suspended from March 19, until further notice. This includes buses, ferries, and taxis, except for public transport facilities running to and from Musandam and Masirah governorates.</li> <li>• On March 18, the Royal Oman Police (ROP) announced the suspension of the issuance of all types of visas. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism reportedly urged all tourists who are currently in Oman to leave the Sultanate and return to their respective home countries.</li> <li>• On March 22, the MoH banned any gathering in public areas, while indicating that violations of the order would be punished. In addition, the number of workers in workplaces in the government sector has been limited to 30 percent of the normal capacity.</li> <li>• The Royal Oman Police announced on March 22 that its service halls will be closed from March 23 until further notice. All police services related to civil status, passports, residence, and traffic will be suspended.</li> <li>• According to Oman’s official news agency, all international and domestic passenger flights to and from the country’s airports will be suspended from March 29 until further notice. Cargo flights and all flights to Musandam Governorate have been exempt from the directive.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Transport (MoT) has ordered that by March 24 and until further notice, no more than two passengers will be allowed to travel in taxis.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> The Omani MoH stated on March 29 that 15 new cases of infection recorded in Oman, raising the total of infected people in the country to 167.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QATAR</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 590 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 45</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 9, Qatar announced the suspension of studies in all private and public schools as well as in universities, until further notice.</li> <li>• On March 12, Qatar’s Ministry of Health (MoH) announced the closure of all cinemas, theaters, children’s play areas, gyms, and wedding halls in the country, starting on March 13.</li> <li>• According to the official Qatari news agency, Qatar has decided to suspend all incoming flights to Doha from March 18 until April 1, except for cargo and transit flights.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On March 21, the authorities banned "all forms of gatherings by law, including but not limited to the Corniche, public parks, beaches, and social gatherings". According to the MoH, "pharmacies and food stores will operate as normal and delivery services, including restaurants, remain available. Mobile patrols will be deployed to arrest violators. Security checkpoints will be established nationwide. The measures are valid until further notice.</li> <li>On March 26, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced that both visa on arrival and visit visas can be extended electronically for a period of 30 days through the MoI's website, without visiting the General Directorate of Passports or MoI Service Centres.</li> <li><b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, MoH announced 28 new coronavirus cases in the country, raising the number to 590, of which 45 have recovered. Furthermore, the first coronavirus-related death was recorded on March 28.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SAUDI ARABIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 1,203 Confirmed Deaths: 4 Recovered Cases: 37</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The US Embassy in Manama reported on the closure of the King Fahd Causeway, which connects Bahrain to Saudi Arabia, to non-commercial traffic as of March 14. According to the statement, neither commuters nor tourists will be permitted to use the causeway to travel between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia until further notice.</li> <li>According to the official Saudi news agency, Saudi Arabia has decided to suspend all international flights to and from the country from March 15 for two weeks. Those unable to work due to the flight restrictions will be given an official holiday.</li> <li>The official Saudi news agency reported on March 16 that operations have been suspended in all government agencies for 16 days, except for the health, security, and military sectors.</li> <li>Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs announced the closure of shopping malls, stores, wedding halls, barbershops, and suspension of sports tournaments from March 15.</li> <li>The Saudi Ports Authority suspended on March 15 maritime passenger traffic between Saudi Arabia and the European Union, Syria, Lebanon, Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE, Oman, Iraq, China, Egypt, South Korea, Turkey, Pakistan, India, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Philippines, Somalia, Djibouti, and South Sudan.</li> <li>According to the official Saudi news agency, on March 17, the authorities suspended prayers at mosques across the Kingdom until further notice. The Grand Mosque in Mecca and the Prophet's Mosque in Medina are exempted and remain open.</li> <li>According to March 18 reports, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia ordered all private businesses to introduce a work-from-home policy for 15 days. Businesses that require staff to be physically present, particularly in vital sectors such as water and electricity, must limit the number of staff to 40 percent of the company's total capacity. The measure does not apply to pharmacies, supermarkets, and their suppliers.</li> <li>According to the official Saudi news agency, domestic flights, trains, buses, and taxis will be suspended for 14 days, starting from 06:00 (local time) on March 21. However, flights related to humanitarian services, medical evacuation aircraft, and private aviation will be exempt, provided that they are covered by the necessary</li> </ul>

	<p>permits issued by the Civil Aviation Authority. Similarly, buses belonging to government agencies, public or private health facilities, commercial establishments transporting their employees, or those that are used for health, humanitarian or security purposes will also be exempt from the aforementioned measure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), a nationwide curfew will be implemented every evening from 19:00 (local time) to 06:00 from March 23 for 21 days. The measure is slated to last until April 14.</li> <li>• According to a March 23 statement by the Ministry of Interior (MoI) announced that individuals who violate the provisions of the ongoing curfew will have to pay a fine of approximately 2,662 USD. Moreover, in the case of a second violation, the fine will be doubled by the authorities.</li> <li>• According to the US Embassy in Riyadh, the Saudi government announced that the curfew timings in Riyadh, Mecca, and Medina have been extended and will now be implemented from 15:00 (local time) to 06:00. The new curfew timings came into effect on March 26 and will last until April 14. The curfew timings in the rest of the country will remain unchanged.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Saudi Arabia's MoI banned entry and exit to Jeddah Province from March 29 at 15:00 (local time), as well as announced that the curfew in the province will be extended and will now be implemented daily from 15:00 (local time) until 06:00. Both measures will remain in place until at least April 14.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, authorities in Saudi Arabia extended the suspension of all international flights to and from the country, until further notice. All domestic flights, as well as trains, buses, and taxis will also continue to be suspended, until further notice.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, Saudi Arabia's MoH indicated that there were 99 new cases of coronavirus in the Kingdom, bringing the total number to 1,203, from which 4 died and 37 have recovered.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TUNISIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 278 Confirmed Deaths: 8 Recovered Cases: 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On March 13, the Tunisian government decided on the closure of the country's maritime borders until further notice.</li> <li>• On March 16, Tunisia's official news agency reported that the Department of Consular Services, particularly the certification authority, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will only receive Tunisian citizens and foreign nationals that have "actual and reasoned urgent cases", until further notice.</li> <li>• According to Tunisia's official state news agency, during the evening hours of March 16, Prime Minister Elyes Fakhfakh announced the suspension of all international passenger flights to and from Tunisia as well as the closure of all land borders, until further notice. The report indicated that some flights will remain operational for evacuation purposes. According to the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the suspension began on March 18.</li> <li>• According to the state news agency, President Kais Saied declared a nationwide curfew every night from 18:00 (local time) to 06:00 to contain the spread of coronavirus. The directive came into effect on March 18 and will last until further notice.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to the official Tunisian news agency, President Kais Saied announced that a nationwide general lockdown will be imposed from 06:00 (local time) on March 22 effective until April 4. Travel between cities has been prohibited, except for necessary cases. Furthermore, citizens and residents have been advised to self-quarantine and minimize non-essential movement, except for healthcare or purchase of basic commodities. The report further indicated that the state will continue to provide public services such as “food, health, administration, judiciary, energy, security, water, transportation, communications, media, hygiene, and vital industrial activities”, while also stating that “necessary professional activity in the private sector will also continue in the aforementioned fields.”</li> <li>• Authorities announced on March 21 that passengers returning to Tunisia aboard “evacuation flights” will be subject to a mandatory quarantine.</li> <li>• According to the state news agency, on March 22, President Kais Saied issued an order banning the movement of vehicles and persons as well as any gatherings of over three people on public roads nationwide outside the ongoing daily curfew hours between 18:00 and 06:00. This is valid “except for urgent necessities.” The measure is effective immediately until further notice.</li> <li>• The Minister of State for Civil Service, Governance and Anti-Corruption announced the suspension of the presence of the workforce in all public administrations and institutions, effective from March 23. The measure is slated to last until April 4.</li> <li>• Tunisia’s official news agency reported that authorities will start to seize all means of transport, whose drivers do not have “a justification for moving” from March 27 onwards, as part of the nationwide general lockdown.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, the MoH announced that 51 new coronavirus cases were detected, which brought the total number of confirmed cases to 278 in the country. Additionally, three additional individuals died from the disease.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TURKEY</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 7,402 Confirmed Deaths: 108 Recovered Cases: 70</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turkey announced on February 3 that it will halt all incoming flights from China. Passengers arriving from Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, and Malaysia will be screened at airports.</li> <li>• According to the Turkish national news agency, the Foreign Ministry released an advisory on February 10 warning its citizens to reconsider travel to Mongolia, citing that the health institutions in Mongolia “are limited”.</li> <li>• The Turkish government closed its land border with Iran as well as the Dilucu land border crossing with Azerbaijan.</li> <li>• The US Embassy in Turkey announced that the Turkish authorities will not issue entry visas to foreign citizens who were in China or Iran in the last 14 days.</li> <li>• The General Directorate of Civil Aviation announced on February 26 the suspension of all passenger and cargo flights between Iran and Turkey.</li> <li>• On February 29, the Turkish Ministry of Health (MoH) reportedly announced the closure of all border crossings with Iraq’s Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG)-administered territories and the cancellation of all flights to and from the KRG until further notice.</li> <li>• Authorities reportedly closed down Uzumlu custom gate in Hakkari’s Cukurca district on March 1. Only Turkish nationals arriving from Iraq can enter the country.</li> </ul>






- On March 3, the MoH stated that passengers who do not possess Turkish residency will not be permitted to enter Turkey if they have visited China, South Korea, Iran, Iraq, or Italy in the past 14 days. Also, if a passenger has a residency permit, he/she may be allowed to enter Turkey but will be tested for coronavirus.
- On March 13, Turkey announced the suspension of all flights from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, and Sweden until April 17. Turkish nationals returning from these countries will be denied entry upon return to Turkey. Outbound flights to the aforementioned countries have currently not been suspended. There are no restrictions on cargo flights.
- On March 13, Turkey announced the closure of all universities across the country from March 16 to April 6.
- On March 15, Turkey's official news agency reported that all border crossings with Georgia have been closed for passenger traffic but remain open to cargo traffic.
- According to the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), Turkey has announced that all flights to and from the UK, Ireland, Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and the UAE will be canceled from March 17, until further notice.
- On March 17, Turkey announced that the issuance of passports, identification cards, and drivers' licenses will be suspended from March 18 onwards, except in case of an emergency. In such a situation, a prior appointment will need to be made with the relevant authority.
- On March 18, the Turkish authorities announced the closure of Turkey's land border gates with Greece and Bulgaria to passenger traffic. Passengers will not be permitted to enter or leave Turkey's border with Greece at the Pazarkule and Ipsala border gates, as well as the Uzunkopru railway border gate. Additionally, passenger travel will be suspended via the Derekoy, Hamzabeyli and Kapikule border gates at the Bulgaria-Turkey frontier. Moreover, starting from March 19, entrance into Turkey via either land or sea is prohibited for Greek and Bulgarian citizens, as well as nationals of other countries who were in these countries for the past 14 days. Freight transportation across the borders will be allowed.
- On March 21, Turkey suspended flights to and from 46 countries: Mauritania, Algeria, Sudan, Angola, Philippines, Moldova, Montenegro, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Tunisia, Poland, Portugal, Oman, Uzbekistan, North Macedonia, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), Mongolia, Cameroon, Taiwan, Canada, Slovenia, Chad, Colombia, Sri Lanka, Czechia, Morocco, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Nepal, Peru, Ecuador, Panama, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, Niger, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kuwait, Latvia, and Lebanon.
- On March 22, the Turkish official news agency reported that Turkey's national flag carrier, Turkish Airlines, will suspend all its international flights, except to and from Hong Kong, Moscow, Addis Ababa, New York, and Washington DC, from March 27 until April 17.
- The official Turkish news agency reported on March 24 that the MoI announced new restrictions on public transport and shopping for groceries. All public transport vehicles will now only be allowed to carry half their capacity and grocery stores will be open between 09:00 (local time) and 21:00 every day. The number of people allowed to







	<p>shop in a store will be limited according to its size and the number of customers inside.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The authorities imposed a 15-day ban on all protest action, including rallies, sit-ins, demonstrations, hunger strikes and press releases, in Hakkari Province on March 27.</li> <li>• On March 27, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan reportedly announced the indefinite suspension of all international flights to and from Turkey. Erdogan also called on people to "self-isolate" if they do not feel well.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, Turkey suspended all intercity trains and limited domestic flights in the country. Pegasus Airlines reportedly suspended all domestic flights, while Turkish Airlines indicate that it would only operate flights to and from 14 cities: Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Samsun, Trabzon, Erzurum, Diyarbakir, Malatya, Van, Gaziantep, Konya, Adana, Antalya, and Kayseri.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, the Turkish Health Minister Fahrettin Koca reportedly announced that 1,704 new confirmed cases of the coronavirus have been detected, bringing the total amount to 7,402. Meanwhile, the death toll in the country rose to 108, and 70 people have thus far recovered from the disease.</li> </ul>
<p><b>UAE</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 405 Confirmed Deaths: 2 Recovered Cases: 55</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On February 27, the authorities announced the suspension of ferry services with Iran until further notice.</li> <li>• From February 27 and until further notice, commercial ships arriving in the UAE are obliged to submit a statement on the health status of their crews 72 hours prior to arrival.</li> <li>• On March 21, the Ministry of Health and Prevention (MoHAP) announced the closure of public, private beaches, parks, swimming pools, cinemas, sports halls and lounges for two weeks, starting on March 22. In addition, restaurants and cafes are required to operate only 20 percent of their seating capacity, during the above period.</li> <li>• On March 23, the UAE's official news agency reported that all international passenger flights to and from the UAE will be suspended from March 25 for two weeks. The transit of passenger flights through airports in the UAE will also not be permitted during this period. However, all cargo and evacuation flights will be exempt from the travel ban. Meanwhile, according to the latest statement issued by the UAE's state-owned Emirates Airlines on March 22, the airline will temporarily suspend passenger operations to all except 13 countries by March 25, until further notice. The airline will "continue to operate passenger and cargo flights to the following countries and territories until further notice, as long as borders remain open, and there is demand: the UK, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Japan, Singapore, Australia, South Africa, South Korea, USA, and Canada". All Emirates cargo operations will remain unaffected. However, as most Emirates flights transit through the UAE, flights to and from the aforementioned 13 countries may nevertheless be affected by the latest travel restriction.</li> <li>• The authorities announced on March 25 that public transportation will be suspended from 20:00 (local time) on March 26 to 06:00 on March 29. The suspension is part of a nationwide sterilization program, during which public transportation facilities are to be sanitized, including the Metro. Furthermore, the authorities have urged citizens not to go out during this period except for buying crucial commodities.</li> </ul>



- The US Embassy in Abu Dhabi and the US Consulate in Dubai announced the indefinite suspension of consular services from March 29. During this period, only emergency passport applications (renewing passports that have expired or have less than six months validity) will be accepted. Emergency appointments will be handled between 10:00 (local time) and 12:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays only. To make an emergency appointment at the US Embassy in Abu Dhabi, email: [AbuDhabiACS@state.gov](mailto:AbuDhabiACS@state.gov). To make an emergency appointment at the US Consulate in Dubai, email: [DubaiACS@state.gov](mailto:DubaiACS@state.gov).
- The MoHAP announced on March 27 that 72 new coronavirus cases were recorded in the UAE, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 405. Meanwhile, three new individuals recovered from the virus.

# ASIA

Country	Measures
<p><b>BANGLADESH</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 48 Confirmed Deaths: 5 Recovered Cases: 15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health authorities have advised individuals to avoid public gatherings and stay at home. On March 19, authorities in Bangladesh banned all religious, political, social, and cultural events, while the army took charge of quarantine centers.</li> <li>• Thermal scanners have been placed at points of entry to the country. It is now mandatory for returnees to register their names with hospitals.</li> <li>• Authorities urged Bangladeshi citizens abroad to refrain from traveling. On March 12, health authorities urged Bangladeshi citizens abroad not to return home.</li> <li>• From March 23 until further notice, authorities will bar the entry of all foreigners from its land borders.</li> <li>• Authorities announced on March 23 that armed troops would be deployed to enforce previously enacted measures. Government and private offices nationwide are closed from March 26 until April 4; train service and domestic flights will also be suspended during the period.</li> <li>• The Bangladesh Shop Owner’s Association has decided to close stores in the country from March 26 to April 4, however, shops selling essential goods will remain open.</li> <li>• International flights to Bangladesh’s Chittagong and Sylhet have been suspended. International flights between Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Turkey, Malaysia, Oman, Singapore, and India have been halted until March 31. On March 26, Bangladesh suspended flights to all countries until April 15 except the UK and China.</li> <li>• On March 27, the flag carrier of Bangladesh suspended flights to London and Manchester in the UK for seven days from March 29.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Per March 28 reports, the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) has issued a directive to all members to keep factories shut until April 4.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> On March 28, Bangladesh extended the ban on all domestic flights until April 7.</li> </ul>
<p><b>INDIA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 979 Confirmed Deaths: 25 Recovered Cases: 79</p>	<p><b><i>Nationwide updates</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air India extended flight cancellations for Shanghai and Hong Kong until June 30; canceled flights to South Korea, Italy, France, Germany, Kuwait, and Spain until April 30.</li> <li>• IndiGo canceled flights on the Bangalore-Hong Kong route from February 1; suspended its Delhi-Istanbul and Chennai-Kuala Lumpur routes from March 18 until March 31.</li> <li>• GoAir suspended international operations effective until April 15.</li> <li>• SpiceJet temporarily suspended the majority of its international operations between March 21 and April 30. The Kolkata-Dhaka flight will operate as usual while the Chennai-Colombo route will resume on March 25, and Mumbai-Dubai flights will resume from April 16.</li> </ul>

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- The Indian government on March 7 warned against travel to China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, and Japan.
- Indian authorities announced the suspension of all existing tourist visas from March 13 until April 15, except for diplomatic officials, UN/international organizations, employment, and project visas.
- Passenger trains and buses over the Indo-Bangladesh border have been suspended until April 15. Authorities closed all passenger movement, except for nationals of India, Nepal, and Bhutan, through all land check posts at its borders with Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, and Bhutan, effective from March 15 and with Pakistan from March 16.
- The Vistara airline suspended international flight operations from March 23-April 15.
- The central government announced on March 22 that 75 districts across the country will be placed under lockdown, including **Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Bangalore**. Only essential services will operate in these districts.
- The central authorities also announced on March 22 that all nonessential passenger transportation, including inter-state buses, metros, and trains, will remain suspended until March 31.
- Domestic flights ceased nationwide at 11:59 (local time) on March 24. Flights will be grounded for a week; cargo flights will continue.
- A nationwide lockdown went into effect from 00:01 (local time) on March 25 for 21 days.
- The Nepalese government decided to close all border points with China and India from March 23.
- The Ministry of Railways announced on March 25 that passenger trains are canceled until April 14.
- Per March 26 reports, the Indian Health Ministry has enabled doctors to write prescriptions based on telephone conversations.
- India's Civil Aviation Authority extended its suspension of international commercial flights to April 14.
- **UPDATE:** The Central Government requested all states to restrict the movement of migrant workers and provide food and shelter, as thousands of local migrant workers have been attempting to move back to their native place of residence following the imposition of the 21-days long lockdown. Those who travelled during the lockdown will be placed in quarantine in a government facility for at least 14 days.

**Delhi**

- Until March 31, Delhi's state border will be closed, except for essential services related to food, health, water, and power supplies. Within Delhi, grocery shops, dairies, chemists and petrol stations will remain open. Workers of essential services will be allowed to move around the city. All private offices will remain closed. Section 144 will be implemented from 21:00 on March 22 until March 31 across the city. Metro services have also been suspended until March 31.





- Uber and Ola have announced the suspension of all services in **Delhi** from March 23 until March 31

#### ***Maharashtra (including Mumbai & Pune)***

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced on March 20 that all offices in multiple cities in the state, including **Mumbai** and **Pune**, will remain closed until March 31.
- All shops and commercial establishments will also be shuttered except those offering essential services like groceries and other day-to-day items.
- In Navi Mumbai, reports state that all commercial establishments, corporate firms, and manufacturing plants will be closed until further notice.
- Section 144 has been implemented across Maharashtra until March 31.
- All international flights are prohibited from landing in the state. Inter-city buses will remain suspended until March 31.
- Mumbai suburban train services are suspended until March 31.
- On March 23, Maharashtra Chief Minister Udhav Thackeray announced a statewide curfew. Essential services are set to remain available. Reports indicate the state's borders will be sealed as part of the curfew.

#### ***Karnataka (including Bangalore)***

- Per March 7 reports, the state government issued an advisory to avoid all mass gatherings. The closure of all public places including schools, malls and universities will be maintained until March 31.
- Authorities closed the borders with neighboring states, starting March 22, except for the supply of essential goods. All AC bus services across the state will also remain suspended until March 31.
- All commercial activities, except for medical stores, groceries, and agriculture services, will remain closed in the districts of Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Mysore, and Mangalore, among others, until March 31.

#### ***Tamil Nadu (including Chennai)***

- On March 20, the state government announced restrictions on vehicular traffic on interstate roads from Kerala, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh until March 31. Only essential travel will be allowed, while ambulances and vehicles carrying essential supplies such as food will be allowed.


#### ***West Bengal (including Kolkata)***

- The state of **West Bengal** has sealed its border with Bhutan; the ban includes travelers and goods.
- The government ordered the closure of all restaurants, bars, entertainment venues, and zoos until March 31.


#### ***Other state measures***

- On March 23, **Himachal Pradesh** announced a state-wide lockdown until further notice.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In <b>Bihar</b>, authorities ordered the suspension of all bus services in the state until March 31.</li> <li>• The <b>Chhattisgarh</b> government restricted the entry of inter-state buses, and stopped the operation of all passenger vehicles with All India Tourist Permit in the state, effective from March 19.</li> <li>• <b>Andhra Pradesh</b> State Road Transport Corporation announced on March 23 the suspension of all bus services until March 31.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> Meanwhile, in <b>Uttar Pradesh</b> and <b>Bihar</b>, a 14-day quarantine in government facilities has been made mandatory for all individuals coming back to their home state.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PAKISTAN</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 1,495 Confirmed Deaths: 12 Recovered Cases: 29</p>	<p><b><i>Nationwide/general measures</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per March 13 reports, Pakistan has shut its borders with Iran and Afghanistan for three weeks. Public events will be canceled, while educational institutions will remain closed for the same period.</li> <li>• According to the reports quoting Pakistan’s Civil Aviation Authorities (CAA) on March 14, international flights will only be operated from Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad airports. Following the new advisory, no international flights will be operated from airports in Peshawar, Gwadar, Quetta, Faisalabad, Sialkot, Multan, Sukkur and Bahawalpur. Pakistan announced on March 21 that all incoming international flights to Pakistan will remain suspended for the next two weeks.</li> <li>• Authorities have banned gatherings of more than 10 people from March 19. The Wagah border crossing with India will be closed from March 19. The Pakistan Railways will suspend its activity nationwide on March 25 until March 31.</li> <li>• As per March 25 reports, Pakistan will suspend all domestic flights from March 26 until April 2.</li> <li>• Authorities announced on March 26 that motorways across the country will be closed to passenger vehicles effective immediately.</li> <li>• Authorities reportedly opened the border with China for medical supplies on March 27.</li> <li>• <b>UPDATE:</b> March 28 reports indicate that Pakistan’s borders with Iran, Afghanistan, and India will remain closed for two more weeks.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Sindh (including Karachi)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sindh announced the suspension of inter-city transportation and administrative facilities, the Out-Patient Departments at public hospitals, and all nonessential businesses such as restaurants, shopping malls will be closed for 15 days from March 17.</li> <li>• Authorities announced that gatherings of four or more people will not be allowed, including within vehicles, starting March 20.</li> <li>• Sindh Province was placed on lockdown for 15 days from March 23. Pakistan announced on March 25 that no person will be allowed out on the streets in Sindh province after 20:00 (local time) on a daily basis.</li> <li>• Daily congregations and Friday prayers at mosques have reportedly been banned as of March 27.</li> </ul>



	<p><b><i>Islamabad &amp; Rawalpindi</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting March 20, several major public dealing offices and businesses were closed for 15 days in Islamabad.</li> <li>As of March 23, all activities in mosques in Islamabad are banned under Section 144.</li> <li>In Islamabad, the authorities imposed a partial lockdown of the city as of March 24. All public gatherings and nonessential services are closed. Metro service will be available from 08:30-10:30 (local time) and 15:00-17:30 daily.</li> <li>Parts of Sadiqabad, Dhoke Kashmirian, and B Block of Satellite Town in Rawalpindi have been closed to public access.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Punjab (including Lahore)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A medical emergency was declared in Punjab on March 12; this includes enhanced measures, while authorities are advising individuals to avoid public gatherings.</li> <li>On March 15, authorities in the province announced a province-wide implementation of Section 144, prohibiting the gathering of more than four people, for the next three weeks.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Other provincewide measures</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Balochistan</b> government-imposed medical emergency measures in all districts bordering Iran after reports of deaths in the neighboring country. The Balochistan provincial government ordered the closure of shopping malls and markets, while suspending intercity transport for three weeks from March 20.</li> <li>Per March 5 reports, the <b>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b> government declared a health emergency. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government announced that beginning March 23, authorities will enforce an inter-district public transport ban until March 30.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SRI LANKA</b></p>  <p>Confirmed Cases: 113 Confirmed Deaths: 1 Recovered Cases: 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sri Lankan Airlines has suspended services to Kuwait, China, and Saudi Arabia.</li> <li>Sri Lanka temporarily suspended visa on arrival services for all foreigners. Travelers from Iran, Italy, and South Korea will be barred from entry from March 14. On March 14, Sri Lanka expanded flight bans to France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden and Austria for 15 days.</li> <li>Events with large crowds are prohibited until March 29.</li> <li>Authorities extended visas for Maldivians residing in the country until April 14, while urging residents with recent travel history to Iran, South Korea, and Europe to register at the closest police station.</li> <li>Authorities extended the closure of international airports to inbound commercial flights until March 31. Departures with passengers from Colombo, stopovers, transit passengers, or visiting tourists, as well as emergency diversions, freighter operations, humanitarian flights, and technical landings at Bandaranaike International Airport will be permitted.</li> </ul>



- Authorities announced on March 26 that curfews will be reimposed at 14:00 on March 27 until 06:00 on March 30 in Puttalam District and the Northern Province districts of Vavuniya, Mannar, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, and Jaffna. The current curfew in Colombo, Gampaha, and Kalutara will continue until further notice. Sri Lankan police also warned on March 25 that curfew violators may be arrested without a warrant.
- Per March 26 report, the government has declared March 30 – April 3 a “work-from-home” period. This applies to all state, semi-government, and private sector businesses except those deemed essential services.
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- **UPDATE:** According to March 29 reports, the Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB) in Colombo has extended its ban on incoming passenger flights until April 7.
- **UPDATE:** Akurana Town, Kandy has been placed under quarantine as of March 29.
- On March 29, a total of 206 people were arrested for violating the curfew, which brings the total of violators to 6,247.
- Meanwhile, authorities confirmed the first COVID-19 death on March 29.

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