Republic of Lebanon

Council of Ministers

General Secretariat

Minutes No.: 23

Decision No.:1

Date of Decision: 24/4/2020

Extract from the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

Held at the Presidential Palace On: Friday, 24/4/2020

Subject: Draft decree aimed at extending the general mobilization period to counter the spread of the coronavirus

References:

Legislative Decree No. 102/1983 and its amendments (National Defence Law),

especially Article 2 thereof;

Law dated 31/12/1957 (Law on Communicable Diseases);

Decree No. 6198 of 15/3/2020 (Announcing the General Mobilization to Counter the Coronavirus);

Decree No. 6251 of 15/3/2020 of 9/4/2010 (Extending the General Mobilization to Counter the Coronavirus);

Recommendation by the Supreme Council of Defence at its meeting held on 24/4/2020;

Proposition by H.E. the President of the Council of Ministers

The Cabinet's Decision:

The Council, having listened to the intervention made by H.E. the President of the Council of Ministers about the results of the general mobilization to confront the spread of the coronavirus and the need to extend these measures, taking into account the health situation and the need to develop a plan to gradually resume the economic activity in the country, after taking into consideration the measures and procedures recommended by the Follow-up Committee on the coronavirus preventive measures, especially in view of the high probability of a second wave of the pandemic,

Following consultations among its members,

Decides as follows:

1. Approving a draft decree aimed at extending the general mobilization to confront the spread of the coronavirus for a period of two weeks from 27/4/2020 until 10/5/2020, provided that this is accompanied by the adoption of a plan to "open sectors" in a manner that takes into account the potential risks within the categories of the various types and diversity of the economic activities, with an indication of the level

of priority and the contact intensity, according to the attached table, which includes a presentation to measure the risks and the economic impact of each phase of the plan which is divided into five phases distributed as follows:

- The first phase starts on 27/4/2020 (the most important and the least dangerous)
- The second phase begins on 4/5/2020
- The third phase begins on 11/5/2020
- The fourth phase begins on 25/5/2020
- The fifth phase begins on 8/6/2020
- 2. Stressing the commitment to continue adopting "social distancing" between all people, as well as using cloth masks as a minimum standard to cover the nose and mouth outside the place of residence and instructing the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities and the competent security services to follow up on the citizens' commitment to the provisions of this decision, especially by issuing the necessary circulars in view of the implementation of the provisions thereto;
- 3. Requesting from the relevant ministries, municipalities and federations of municipalities, in coordination with trade unions, employers and the National Covid-19 Committee to develop an occupational health covid-19 safety manuals addressing hygiene conditions, safe distancing, and other safety measures, especially remote work, and setting rotation schedules with the minimum of staff required to ensure the continuity of work; in addition to entrusting them to secure health wardens from different sectors that will undergo training by the Lebanese Red Cross to carry-on educational and supervisory roles on public safety standards and procedures specified by each sector in coordination with local authorities.
- 4. Establishing a rotational schedule for public sector employees (with the exception of all military and security agencies, hospital and health institutions and/ or the ones concerned with health, medical care and medicines) in a manner that ensures business continuity and performing the necessary transactions for citizens, and taking the necessary measures to prevent overcrowding within the administration and the departments and maintain "social distancing", and in line with the procedures on public safety stated in this decision, and which shall remain in effect even after the date of 8/6/2020.
- 5. All judicial bodies are required to ensure the progress of work of all courts to the extent that would take into account the measures of prevention and safety, prevent overcrowding and maintain "social distancing", and in accordance with the procedures on public safety stated in this decision, which shall remain in effect even after the date of 8/6/2020.
- 6. Emphasizing that the Minister of Interior and Municipalities Decree No. 479 dated 4/4/2020 regarding the timetable schedule for the movement of cars and trucks according to their license plate number shall remain in effect until the end of the general mobilization period referred to under the first item.
- 7. All private institutions not mentioned in the plan that is the subject of this decision are required to resume work as from the aforementioned third phase and take the necessary measures to organize their activities, as indicated in item 3 above.
- 8. Urging citizens over the age of 65 to stay home and avoid going out except in cases of extreme necessity during the first, second and third phases indicated above.

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- 9. there is a curfew between 9:00 pm and 5:00 am for the entire period of mobilization shown in the first item, while taking into consideration the exceptions set out in memorandum No. 40/A.M./2020 and its annexes, issued by the Minister of Interior and Municipalities.
- 10. A weekly debrief on the reopening plan will occur and it is up to the President of the Council of Ministers to introduce any necessary amendments thereto, as well as to the enclosed table upon a proposal by the competent minister, based on the developments on the ground.

The present document shall be communicated to:

- Their Excellencies the Ministers
- The ministries, public administrations, public institutions, municipalities and unions of municipalities
- The Directorate General of the Presidency of the Republic
- The Directorate General of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers
- The Centre des Archives Nationales
- The IT Center
- The Archives

Judge Mahmoud Makkie

Secretary General of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers Beirut on 24/4/2020

Sectors Plan for Re-opening Lebanon:

I) Prioritizing of Sectors:

1. Financial Impact:

- a. Negligible -1
- b. Minor-2
- c. Moderate-3
- d. Major- 4
- e. Catastrophic-5

2. Needed:

- a. Rare-1
- b. Unlikely-2
- c. Possible-3
- d. Likely-4
- e. Almost Certain-5

Priority scoring value interpretation:

Priority Score level= financial consequence x needs (F x N)

	Needed								
Financial Consequence	1 Rarely	2 Unlikely	3 Possible	4 Likely	5 Almost Certain				
5 Catastrophic	5	10	15	20	25				
4 Major	4	8	12	16	20				
3 Moderate	3	6	9	12	15				
2 Minor	2	4	6	8	10				
1 Negligible	1	2	3	4	5				

Levels:

1–3 Low priority

4-6 Moderate priority

8-12 High priority

15-25 Extreme priority

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II)Risk Assessment of Sectors: Outcome: Potential RISK of transmission:

Adopted from Johns Hopkins University- Center for Health Security

- Contact intensity: Low contact intensity activities are interactions that are brief and fairly
 distant, like walking past someone in a shop. High contact intensity activities involve prolonged
 close contact, like sharing a dormitory. Medium contact intensity activities fall between these 2
 poles, like sharing a meal in a seats that are separated by several feet
- Number of contacts: The approximate number of people in the setting at the same time, on average.
- 3. Modification Potential: The degree to which the activities are considered to be modifiable

Potential Risk Scoring:

Number of Contacts	Contact In	Contact Intensity					
	Low 1	Medium 3	High 5	Modification Potential			
5 High	25	75	125	Low 5			
3 Medium	9	27	45	Medium 3			
1 low	1	3	5	High 1			

Levels:

1 - 15 Low risk 25 - 45 Moderate risk

> 45 High risk

Based on this evaluation, the commercial activities were classified from the least dangerous to the most dangerous activity. This evaluation can be used to inform the gradual resumption of activities, knowing that the best case is when the contact intensity is low, the number of contacts is low and the modification potential is high.



		ECONOMIC Impact							
		Low Priority 1-3	Medium Priority 4-6	High Priority 8-12	Extreme Priority 15-25				
Risk	Low Risk 1-15	PHASE 3	PHASE 3	PHASE 1	PHASE 1				
Level	Moderate Risk 25 – 45	PHASE 4	PHASE 4	PHASE 3	PHASE 2				
	High Risk >45	PHASE 5	PHASE 5	PHASE 4	PHASE 3				

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Category	Contact Intensity	Number of Contacts	Modification Potential	Priority level	Potential Risk	Phases
Farming activities: planting, pruning, harvesting	High	Medium	High	25	9	1
Animal Rearing	Low	Low	Medium	25	3	1
Slaughter Houses	Medium	Medium	Low	25	9	1
Hatcheries	Medium	Medium	High	25	9	1
Food Processing Plants & Storage Refrigerators	Medium	High	High	25	15	1



Feed Processing Plants	Medium	Low	High	25	3	1
Fishing	Medium	Medium	High	25	9	1
Bees Rearing	Low	Low	Low	25	5	1
Vegetable, fruits, and fish retail markets	Medium	High	High	25	15	1
Transportation: Milk, Poultry, cattle, meat, eggs, vegetables, fruits, food, feed	Low	Low	High	25	1	1
Workers Transportation during Planting and Harvesting seasons	High	Medium	Low	25	15	1
Agricultural & Veterinary shops	Low	Low	High	12	1	1
Plant Nurseries	Low	Medium	High	25	3	1
Veterinary clinics	Low	Low	High	25	1	1



Sawmills for making Sawdust Bedding for Animal Farms	Low	Low	High	25	1	1
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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY

Category	Contact Intensity	Number of Contacts	Modification Potential	Priority level	Potential Risk	Phases
Manufacture of Paper and Paper Products	High	Medium	High	20	15	1
Recycling	High	Medium	High	25	15	1
Manufacture of Electrical Machinery and Apparatus Manufacture of Machinery and Equipment	High	Medium	High	25	15	1
Manufacture of Equipment and Tools	High	Medium	High	25	15	1
Manufacture of Rubber and Plastics Products	Medium	High	Medium	20	45	2
Manufacture of Structural Metal Products, Tanks, Reservoirs and Steam Operated Generators	Medium	High	Medium	20	45	2



	EDUCAT	ION AND S	OCIAL SECTOR			
Category	Contact Intensity	Number of Contacts	Modification Potential	Priority level	Potential Risk	Phases
Daycare <3 years	High	Medium	Medium	8	45	3
Preschools °- 6 years	High	High	Low	6	125	5
Basic Education Schools, Secondary Schools and Vocational Education institutions (except for official certification classes)	High	High	Low	4	125	5
Official Certification Classes in Basic Education Schools, Secondary Schools and Vocational Education institutions only (Brevet & Terminal)	High	High	Medium	12	75	4
Lebanese University and Institutions of Higher education	High	High	Medium	12	75	4
Community centers for Non Formal and Non Systematic Education	High	High	Low	4	125	5
Educational centers for People with Special needs	High	Medium	Medium	5	45	3



Category	Contact Intensity	Number of Contacts	Modification Potential	Priority level	Potential Risk	Phases
Meter Readers/ Bill Collectors	Low	High	High	25	5	1
Customer Services	High	Medium	High	12	15	1
NTL Production and Refinery Plants	Low	Medium	Low	9	15	1
Maintenance	Medium	Medium	High	12	9	1
Foremen/ Technicians	Medium	Low	Medium	12	9	1
Storekeepers	Medium	Medium	High	12	9	1



Ancillary Sectors									
Category	Contact Intensity	Number of Contacts	Modification Potential	Priority level	Potential Risk	Phases			
Food Delivery (24/7)	Medium	Medium	High	20	9	1			
Restaurants and Coffee shops (Less than 30% Capacity / Hookah is Banned)	High	High	High	20	25	2			
Restaurants and Coffee shops (Less than 30% to 50% Capacity/Hookah is Banned)	Medium	Medium	Medium	6	27	4			
Patisserie	Low	Low	Low	16	5	1			
Pubs	High	High	Medium	6	75	5			
Night clubs	High	High	Medium	6	75	5			
Hotels	Low	Low	High	16	1	1			
Casino du Liban (Gambling <70% capacity and restaurants same as above)	High	Medium	Medium	12	45	3			



Touristic and Historical sites	High	High	Medium	3	75	5
Pools (Indoor)	High	High	Medium	6	75	5
Beaches, Piers	High	High	Medium	6	75	5
Entertainment related mass gatherings: large concerts, festivals, carnivals, conventions, shows						Closed till Further Notice
Parks, Walking Path, Playground, Sports Courts (outdoors)	Medium	High	High	15	25	2
GYM/ Spa	High	High	Medium	6	75	5
Retailers, Small Shops	Low	Medium	Medium	20	9	1
Malls	High	High	Medium	12	75	4
Saloons (hair)	Medium	Medium	High	15	25	2
Museums, Theaters, Cinemas	High	High	Medium	6	75	5
Places of Worship	High	High	Medium	6	75	5

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Car Agencies	High	Medium	Medium	8	45	3
Car Mechanic Shops	Medium	High	Medium	20	45	2
Conferences, Festivals						Closed till Further Notice
Religious Gathering	High	High	Low	6	125	5
Buses	High	High	Low	6	125	5
Taxies	High	Low	High	20	5	1
Airplanes	High	High	Medium	12	75	5
Constructions	High	High	Medium	6	75	5
Gaming center	High	High	Medium	6	75	5
Amusement center less than 50%	High	High	Medium	6	75	. 5

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