



8th Constitutional Government

GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION NO 12/2021

OF March 8th

IMPOSES HEALTH FENCE AND LOCKDOWN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DILI

Whereas in recent days epidemiological surveillance teams have diagnosed several cases of COVID-19 in the municipality of Dili area;

Whereas, by the analysis carried out by the epidemiological surveillance teams to the circumstances in which contagion may have occurred, there is a high probability of situations of community transmission;

Whereas, in view of the high degree of contagion of SARS-Cov-2, responsible for COVID-19, it is necessary to trigger all legally admissible measures to prevent the occurrence of new cases of transmission of this virus among the population residing in national territory;

Whereas international experience shows that the adoption of measures restricting direct contact between individuals will be the most effective way of reducing the spread of the virus and the emergence of several disease outbreaks caused by it in various places in the territory;

Whereas, in view of the situation of public calamity, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Decree of the President of the Republic no. 15/2021, of March 1st, have declared a state of emergency to be in force between March 4th, 2021, 00:00 a.m. hours, April 2nd, 2021, 11:59 p.m.;

Whereas points (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Article 4 of decree of the President of the Republic No 15/2021, of March 1st, determined that the rights of international circulation, circulation and residence at any point in the national territory are partially suspended, and that the necessary restrictions may be imposed by the competent public authorities to reduce the risk of contagion and implement measures to prevent and combat the epidemic, including home confinement and the imposition of health fences;

Whereas, by Article 115 (1) (o) of the Constitution of the Republic, is the Government's responsibility to carry out the acts and take the necessary measures for the economic and social development and to meet the needs of the Timorese community;

The Government decides, under article 115(1) (o) of the Constitution of the Republic and points (a), b), c) and d) of Article 4 of decree of the President of the Republic No. 15/2021 of March 1st, as follows:

1. To impose a health fence in the municipality of Dili, and, for this purpose, it is forbidden to travel, by land, sea or air, outside this municipality, except in duly based cases for reasons of safety, public health, humanitarian or other that prove necessary for the accomplishment of the public interest, authorized by the Minister of the Interior, which may delegate to the Vice Minister of the Interior;
2. The circulation in the exceptional cases provided for in the preceding paragraph, is made through a circulation corridor, whose definition and operating rules are approved by order of the Minister of Interior;
3. To impose the general home confinement of the population residing in the municipality of Dili, without prejudice to travel outside the residence when this is justified by reasons of imperative need of:
 - a) Medical assistance of the person itself or of family members who are in their custody or care
 - b) Assistance to other persons for reasons of health, social protection or humanitarian aid;
 - c) Participating in judicial or police proceedings, for which they are notified;
 - d) Purchase of goods or payment of essential services, such as the purchase of food, payment of electricity supply or payment of telecommunications services and internet access;
 - e) Professional activity;
4. For the purposes of point (e) of the preceding paragraph:
 - a) The members of the Government and the highest executive body of public legal persons of indirect administration shall identify officials, agents and public administration workers who are responsible for ensuring essential services and who are not exempted from the duty to show up at their workplace;
 - b) The Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs and the Minister for Tourism, Commerce and Industry approve, by joint order, the model for identifying private sector workers who are not exempted by their employer from the duty to show up at their workplace, or who declare that they cannot stop exercising their professional activity.

5. To determine the prohibition to hold any events of a social, cultural, sporting or religious nature that imply the agglomeration of people.

6. The compliance with the duties arising from the previously paragraphs will be supervised by the police forces.

7. This Government Resolution takes effect on the day following its publication and expires on March 15th 2021, 11:59 p.m.

Approved by the Council of Ministers on February 15th, 2021.

Publish.

Prime Minister,

Taur Matan Ruak