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LESOTHO MAINTAINS NEGATIVE STATUS

The Minister of Health, Hon Nkaku Kabi announced in an official statement on Saturday the negative results of two suspect cases of Covid-19, and that of a person who was reported dead.

The announcement of the negative results announced by the Ministry of Health followed the official tests reports from the National Disease Control Centre based in the Republic of South Africa.

The Minister of Health said Lesotho still maintains its negative status even after the last three samples of suspected COVID-19 which were taken to South Africa for testing.

Minister Kabi said the results are an encouragement to Basotho to continue to adhere to preventive measures and complying with the WHO and Ministry of Health protocols and safety measures against the spread of the coronavirus.

Meanwhile, the Minister acknowledged the business community who continue to contribute in the fight against COVID-19 through various donations to the Ministry of Health and other sectors.

He however refuted allegations that there might be misconduct at the National Drug Service Organisation (NDSO) centre at Mafeteng where equipment donated by Jack Ma foundation and Alibaba Foundation towards COVID-19 is currently kept.

He indicated that the investigations regarding the matter are underway.

Mr. Kabi remarked that nurses are the country's frontline soldiers in the current fight against COVID-19 and are more at risk therefore they deserve access to proper protective clothing.

The Minister went on to acknowledge Basotho who continue to adhere to the lockdown regulations. He appealed to them to continue making sacrifices. He emphasised the need to stay at home to allow the 21 days lockdown process as it is a precaution to avoid new infections.

Recent updates from the WHO shows that globally, there are now 1, 139,207 confirmed cases of COVID-19; 60, 874 deaths, 233, 807 recovered cases.

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