



THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMAND CENTRE

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The National Emergency Command Centre wishes to inform the general public that following reports of mistreatment of African nationals in the Chinese city of Guangzhou the Lesotho government through the Ministry of Development Planning has been in touch with the Chinese Embassy in Lesotho.

In an effort to establish the veracity of these reports, and to appreciate the policy stand of the Chinese government on the matter, the Chinese Embassy has assured the Ministry of Development Planning and indeed the Lesotho government that Basotho nationals currently in China were safe and faced no harm in any way.

The government of the People's Republic of China has made an undertaking to address the reported concerns of African nationals in the city of Guangzhou.

It is considered view of the Lesotho government that the Chinese government will protect Basotho nationals within the context of China's and Lesotho's long standing relations and cooperation.

It should be noted that in order to contain the spread of COVID-19 the government of China is enforcing quarantine measures and testing especially in the city of Guangzhou. We are confident that Basotho nationals who reside in China will fully comply with quarantine and testing procedures enforced by the Chinese government.

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