



NATIONAL EMERGENCY COMMAND CENTRE

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NECC UNPACKS LOCKDOWN EXTENSION

Unpacking the extension of the lockdown at the National Emergency Command Centre (NECC), the Accountant General, Mrs 'Malehlohonolo Mohasi, refuted the widespread allegations or notion that the government has reserved funds or allowances for public servants deployed to undertake different duties at the National Emergency Command Centre(NECC).

The personnel deployed at the NECC are public officers who are on government payroll, and therefore do not need any allowances as they are already receiving their monthly payments.

On the other hand, the Minister of Tourism, Chief Joang Molapo said the government is aware of an outcry of the public for the opening of liquor off-sales, though there are other opposing views to that effect.

However, the government will maintain the total ban on the purchase, sale distribution and transportation of liquor consumption, while security agencies will continue to enforce compliance of the lockdown.

Essential services providers have also been extended to mining industry, hard ware, vehicle spares, tyres, repairs and service shops, baby and toddler clothing shops, small scale building and construction.

While operating times differ from business to business and some will also open on Saturday, while on Sunday all businesses will not be expected to operate.

Maseru and Maputsoe Border posts will resume to work for 24hrs, Caledonspoort Border will close at 22hrs, while Qacha's Nek and Van Rooyen's Gate will close at 20.00hrs solely for the conveyance of essential goods and services.

The NECC will meet with Christian Council of Lesotho in regard of the lockdown extension.

However, the employers are obliged to provide employees with running water and soap or sanitizers, and to ensure that they observe social distancing.

The Right Honourable the Prime Minister, Dr. Thomas Motsoahae Thabane on Tuesday declared the extension of the lockdown to May 5th.

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