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**Containing COVid-19
In Islamic Republic of Iran**

**In a cabinet session chaired by President Rouhani;
Executive organs report on measures taken for fighting Covid-19**



Based on the report by Ministry of Industry, Mine and Trade, needed detergents will be supplied and disinfectants, masks and other medical equipment, which have been scarce due to unusual consumption or other issues, will be supplied soon.

The Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, in its report, also reported an increase in urban and interurban travel, describing it against medical and health advice that causes coronavirus to spread throughout the country.

In addition, the President instructed the responsible agencies to exercise all their legal powers to create economic, banking, livelihood and medical facilities.

Dr Rouhani also issued instructions to supply medical supplies from inside and outside the country.

The President went on to urge people to take medical advice seriously and avoid unnecessary urban and interurban trips to shorten the time period for the prevention of the outbreak of coronavirus in the country so that dear citizens can return to their normal life as soon as possible.

As approved by the Cabinet, lifting the ban on imports and imposing restrictions on exports and changing tariffs on items needed by the Ministry of Health and Medical Education to meet the needs of health centres and the public for countering and containing coronavirus was granted to the Ministry of Industry, Mine and Trade.

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At president's order;
**3 support packages to be provided to low-income families whose businesses
affected by covid-19 outbreak**



After receiving a report by the Task Force for Managing the Economic Impacts of Coronavirus Outbreak on low-income classes and those whose businesses have been affected by the outbreak of the virus, President ordered provision of three support packages to "low-income classes whose businesses have been badly affected near the New Year".

It is estimated that 3 million Iranian families will be eligible for receiving the support packages.

Based on the instructions issued by President Hassan Rouhani to Plan and Budget Organisation and Ministry of Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare, the first support package will be given to the eligible people who have been identified by the database until the end of the current Iranian month of Esfand (March 19).

The two remaining support packages will be provided from the beginning of next year. Plan and Budget Organisation has been tasked with providing the credit and funds for this purpose.

The next meeting of the Task Force for Managing the Economic Impacts of Coronavirus Outbreak will be chaired by President Rouhani on Sunday with related ministries and chiefs of Chamber of Commerce and Chamber of Guilds.

The Task Force for Managing the Economic Impacts of Coronavirus Outbreak, which has been formed at President's order, is holding regular meetings to look into the economic problems and damages caused by the outbreak of coronavirus on the country's economy to address them and prepare compensation policies to be presented to the President and the National Task Force for Fighting Coronavirus.

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**Dr Rouhani at the session of National Task Force for Fighting Coronavirus:
Iranian nation won't forget doctors and nurses' devotion**



At the session, Dr Hassan Rouhani praised the doctors, nurses, medical staff and personnel of the Ministry of Health and Medical Education for combatting the disease and providing services to the people, adding, "Doctors, nurses and medical staff at hospitals are at the forefront of the fight against coronavirus these days".

The President said, "Certainly, maintaining their physical and mental health is the most important issue to consider and there is a need to provide the necessary support to them to address their problems and needs and strengthening the healthcare staff by all government bodies".

Dr Rouhani emphasised, "The Iranian nation will certainly never forget the self-sacrifice and devotion of doctors and nurses, and their efforts will be remembered by the people".

Referring to the importance of trust and empathy between the people and the government, the president said, "Creating transparency and enhancing public confidence and informing people about processes, opportunities, policies and planning is very important in addressing coronavirus. Therefore, emphasis must be put on providing transparency and timely distribution of information and reports".

Expressing dissatisfaction over the failure by some to comply with some of the recommendations made by the National Task Force for Fighting Coronavirus, he said, "Success in controlling coronavirus in short term requires full cooperation of the people and the executive agencies with the Task Force. Therefore, I urge the public that everyone should be careful and avoid unnecessary commuting and travelling".

The President also thanked the good progress of equipping laboratories, adding, "According to the statistics and information provided by different provinces, the number of laboratories should be expanded accordingly".

While criticising the lack of easy access to sanitation and disinfection, Dr Rouhani urged the Ministry of Health and Medical Education to come up with a well-timed plan to address this problem.

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WHO team arrives in Tehran to support the COVID-19 response



2 March 2020 – A team of WHO experts has landed in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, to support the ongoing response to the coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. [The team will work with health authorities](#) and other stakeholders to review ongoing readiness and response efforts, visit designated health facilities, laboratories and points of entry, and provide technical guidance.

WHO Chief: Iran is doing the best it can

to control the spread of the Covid-19 , but needs more support.



Director General of the World Health Organization (WHO) says the Islamic Republic of Iran is doing its best in fight against the novel coronavirus despite a lack of sufficient equipment and facilities mainly caused by the US sanctions.

"We know that Iran is doing its best, all it can ... that's what I appreciated," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at a press conference at the organization's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on Wednesday.

"They need lots of supplies, and ... we have tried to support as much as we can, but there is still a shortage," he added.

"We're trying to mobilize more support for Iran," Adhanom said.

<https://www.presstv.com/Detail/2020/03/11/620664/WHO-iran-fight-coronavirus-sanctions-equipment-shortage>

