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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PARLIAMENT SETS MEASURES TO FIGHT CORONAVIRUS**

The Clerk of Parliament, Hon. Paran Umar Tarawally has on Wednesday 18th March 2020 categorically informed all members of staff and management that coronavirus is real and deadly. “Please be sincere, conform and comply with measures to prevent and defeat the coronavirus”, the Hon. Clerk remarked.

The Clerk also advised all staff to abide by all the precautionary measures that were outlined by the frontline officers relative to frequent washing of hands, the use of sanitizers, accepting regular temperature test, and a placement of ban on visitors to staff with immediate effect. He also admonished staff to stop gallivanting around the precincts of Parliament; announcing that “staff are now ordered to stay in their offices and should avoid staying too long in the canteen”, he thundered.

He advised staff to be wary and not to fall prey to fake rumours on social media and to avoid blind myths on coronavirus not having the tendency to affect the black race; whilst encouraging staff to follow the protocols. “When you have symptoms such as frequent fever, continuous coughing, high temperature and sore throat”, he advised them to report immediately to the appropriate authorities; adding that “the chance of survival for the coronavirus is great”.

He strongly informed members of staff about the devastating effects and the rapid spread of coronavirus in leading countries in the world. “Coronavirus spreads rapidly before it is detected”, he revealed pointing out that when people fail to conform, the pandemic takes chance to spread.

Emphatically analyzing the dangerous nature and deadliness of the coronavirus, Hon. Clerk made reference to historical evidences relative to the world’s devastating ailments in 520 B.C, 1520, 1820 and 1920 and now is 2020.

He disclosed that they are working on a proposal to send Parliament on a recess for at least 3 weeks in light of reducing large gatherings and ensuring that MPs take leadership role in their constituencies. He also disclosed that in line with the precautionary measures, staff would be assigned to duties on a rotational basis.

The Clerk further assured that a similar meeting would be conducted with the MPs.

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