



# Lebanon National Operations Room

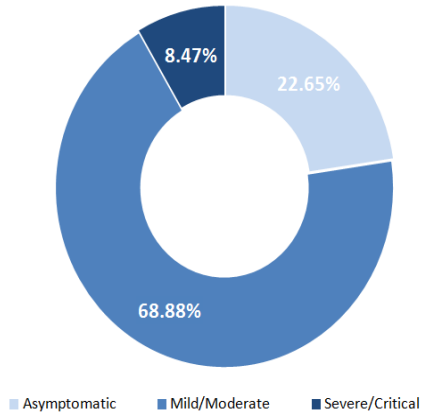
## Daily Report on COVID-19

Thursday, April 16, 2020

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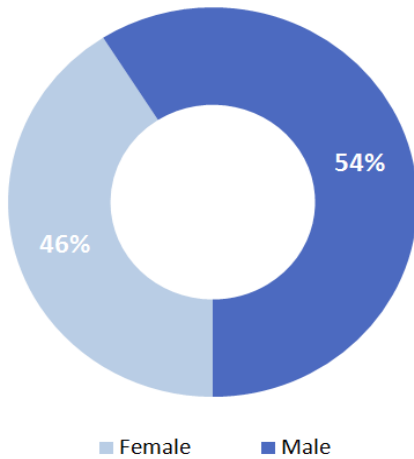
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**Status of Cases**

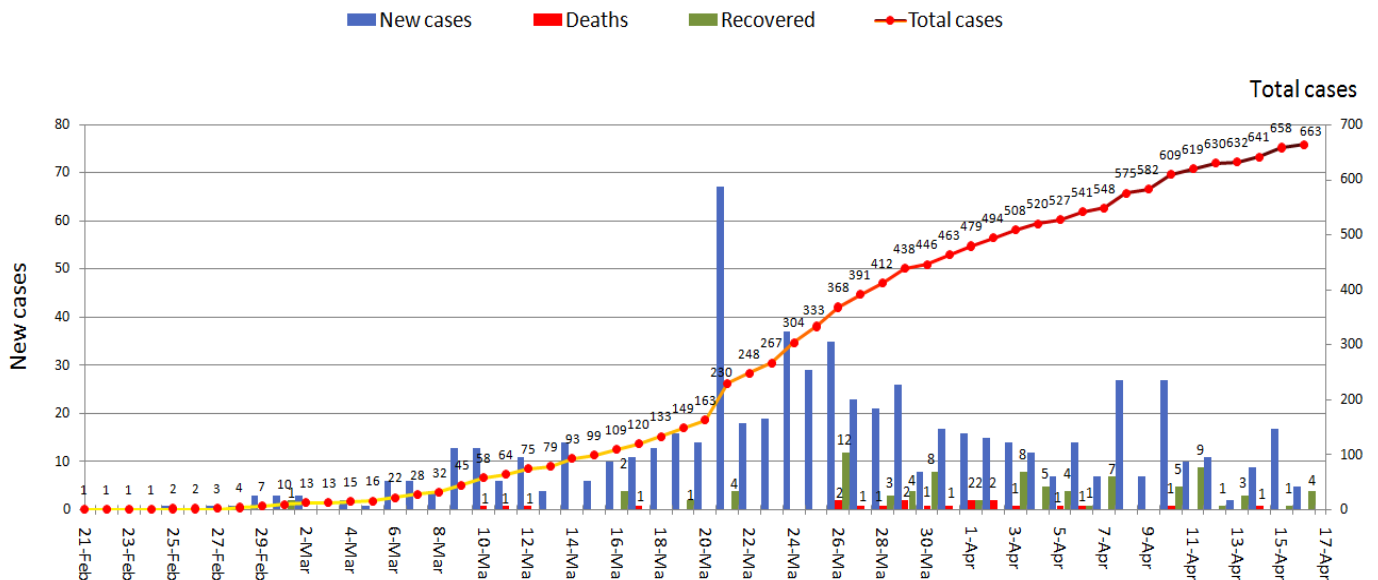


Registered cases since Feb. 21	663
Recoveries	85
Deaths	21
Current registered cases	557
New cases TOTAL=5	0 expatriates 5 locales
Conducted PCR tests since Feb. 21	15,633
PCR tests conducted in the last 24 hrs.	855
PCR tests conducted in the airport since April 5	2,482
PCR tests conducted in the airport in the last 24 hrs.	0

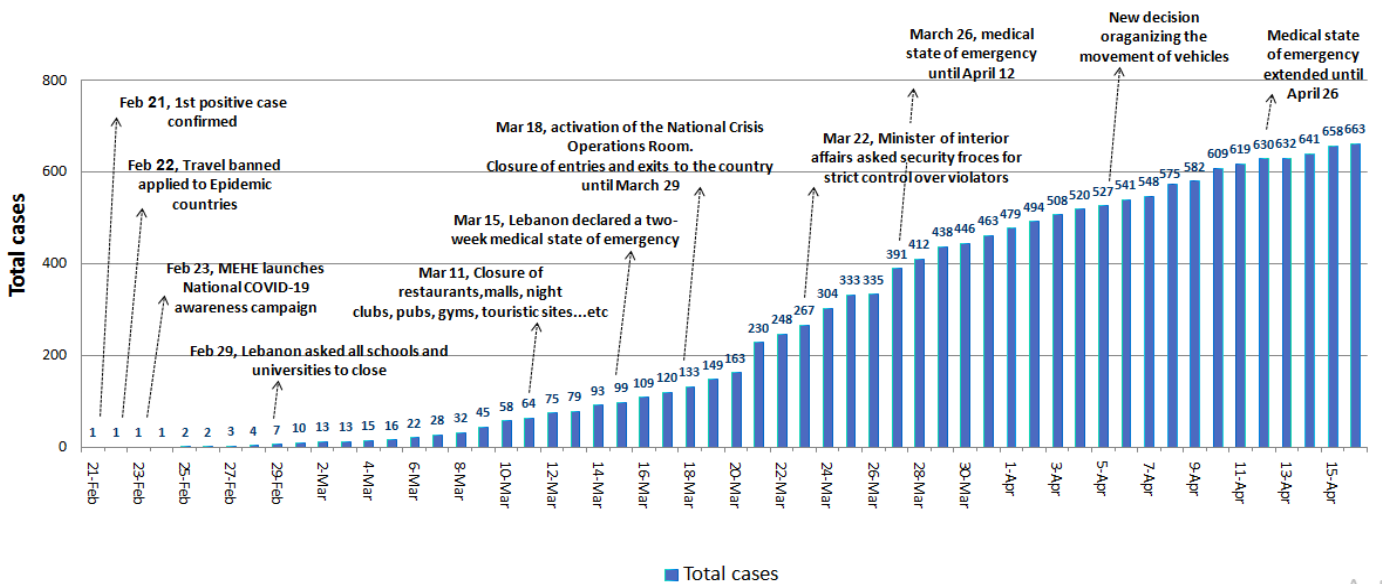
**Distribution of cases by gender (%)**



**Cases per Day**

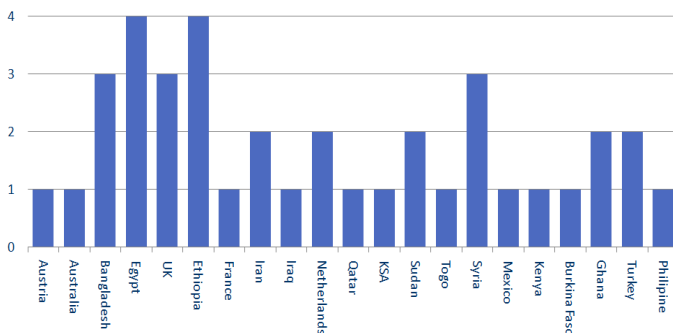


## Chronology of decisions according to number of cases

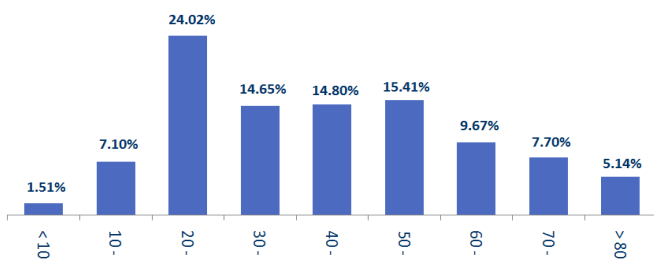


Distribution of cases by nationality

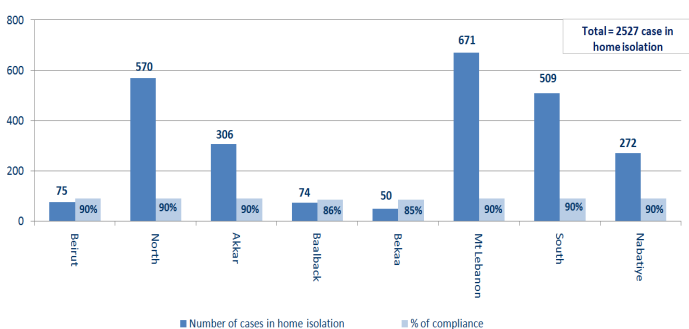
Lebanese: 625 cases out of 663 (94%)



Distribution of cases by age group (%)

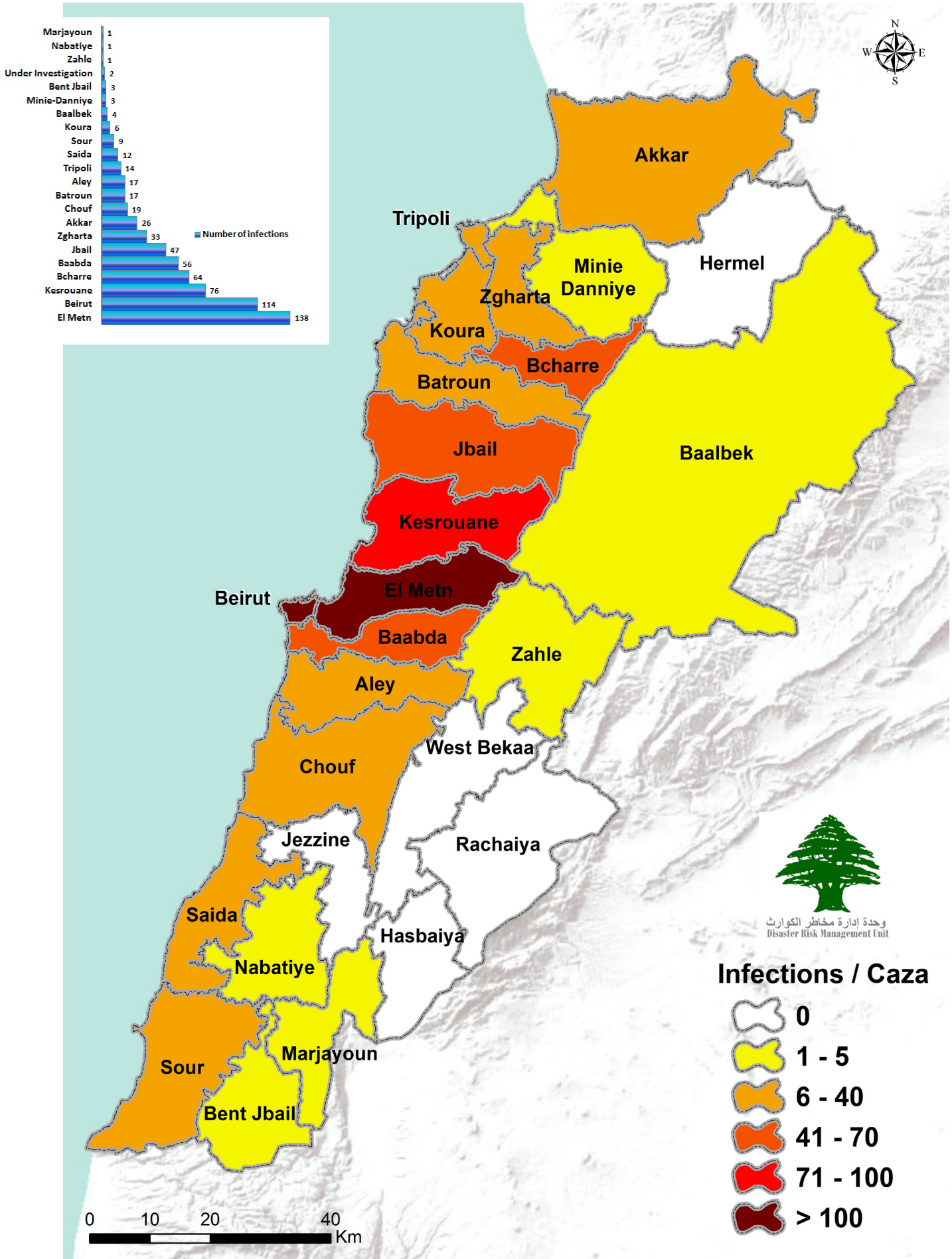


Number of individuals in home isolation and percentage of commitment to isolation



Location	Name of Laboratory
Beirut	Rafic Hariri University Hospital
Beirut	AUBMC
Beirut	HDF /Merieux / USJ
Beirut	Saint Georges Roum
Kesrouane	Bouar Governmental Hospital
Beirut	Rizk LAU
Byblos	Notre Dames de Secours
Baalbek	Baalbek Governmental Hospital
Tripoli	New Mazloum Hospital
Koura	Haykel Hospital
Metn	Hopital Dr. S. Serhal
Metn	Hospital of Bhannes
Beirut	Lebanese Hospital Geitaoui
Baabda	Mount Lebanon Hospital
Baabda	Saint George Hospital
Chouf	Ain Wazain Hospital
Sidon	Hammoud Hospital

# Number of Cases by Location

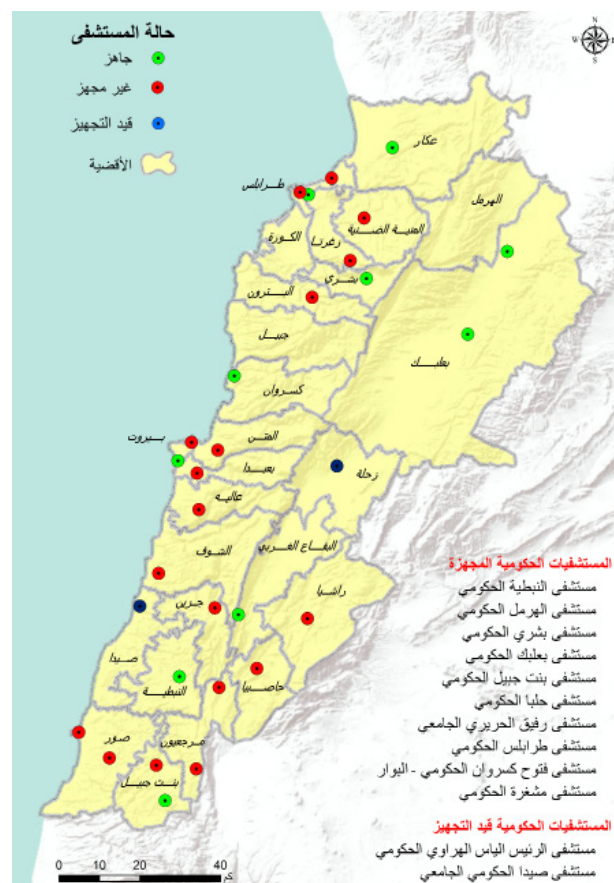


## Level of Preparedness of Public and Private Hospitals



Status of private hospitals: AUBMC, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Jbeil Maounat Hospital, Al Roum Hospital

Green: Ready  
 Yellow: District



Status of public hospitals  
 Green: Ready - Blue: Will be ready in a week  
 Red: Not ready - Yellow: District

Public hospitals ready: RHUH, Baalbek Governmental Hospital, Bouar Governmental Hospital, Halba Governmental Hospital, Bshareh Governmental Hospital, Tipoli Governmental Hospital, Bint Jbeil Governmental Hospital, Mashghara governmental Hospital, Nabatieh Governmental Hospital, Hermel Governmental Hospital  
 In process of becoming ready: Al Hrawi Hospital, Fattouh Hospital, Saida hospital

## Actions Taken at the Governorate and Municipal Level

### Isolation centers approved by The Committee for the Follow up on Coronavirus Preventive Measures and Procedures Friday, April 10, 2020

The committee responsible for specifying potential isolation centers includes an officer from the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council of Defense, a medical doctor in the army, an engineer from the army, and a representative from the Order of Nurses in Lebanon.

The committee aims to inspect possible isolation centers in coordination with the concerned governorates and municipalities.

Governorate	Number of isolation centers
Mount Lebanon	16
North	2
South	4
Akkar	11
Bekaa	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>

Governorate	Level of commitment to the decision to close all businesses	Sectors violating closure decision
Beirut	80%	Commercial stores, violating the car mobility decision, traffic
North	85%	Vegetable markets, gatherings in front of ATM machines, commercial stores, violating the car mobility decision
Akkar	80%	Cafes, traffic, commercial stores, gatherings in supermarkets and in front of ATM machines, violating the car mobility decision
Baalbek-Hermel	85%	Commercial stores, violating the car mobility decision.
Bekaa	85%	Commercial stores, traffic, violating the car mobility decision.
Mount Lebanon	85%	Gatherings, violating the car mobility decision.
South	85%	Protests, gatherings in front of ATM machines, violating the car mobility decision.
Nabatieh	85%	Gatherings in front of ATM machines, vegetable markets, violating the car mobility decision.

### Ministry of Public Health

- Issued a daily report on new cases and the status of existing cases in government and private hospitals.
- Implemented the health measures agreed upon within the Lebanese government's plan to return Lebanese expatriates during flights and at the airport, and defined the required isolation procedures according to the health status of expatriates in coordination with the Committee for the Follow up on Coronavirus Preventive Measures and Procedures, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, the General Directorate of Public Security and Middle East Airlines.
- Continues to equip government hospitals and others.
- Field examination of the hospitals and laboratories designated by the ministry to deal with the emerging coronavirus.
- Following up on the health situation of expatriates who have returned to Lebanon.
- Conducting and following up on conducted PCR tests for citizens in various Lebanese regions, especially in Bcharreh.

- The ministry was informed that several expatriated donated money to governmental hospitals and the medical staff.
- The ministry is working on resolving students' issues with transferring money from Lebanon to the country they reside in through daily follow up with banks.
- The ministry is following up on the process of collecting information from expatriates who wish to return to Lebanon.
- The Ministry followed up on the arrival of medical aid from China for the Ministry of Public Health, (3000 PCR tests and 200 Infrared thermometers,
- Based on the decision of the Ministerial Committee for the Return of Expatriates, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in coordination with the ministries and other relevant authorities, the ministry will follow up to determine the countries that will be included in the second stage of the plan to return Lebanese Expats after April 26, 2020 and prepare the regulation.
- Note:

Website for Lebanese expatriates who wish to return to Lebanon: <https://mfa.gov.lb/arabic/return-to-lebanon>

Website for student expatriates: <https://mfa.gov.lb/arabic/students-abroad>

### Lebanese Red Cross

- 754 new suspected cases were transferred to hospitals (11 new cases)
- 1,129 trained paramedics (231 new)
- 52,711 number of those benefiting from awareness sessions
- 36 trained ambulance centers
- 11 additional ambulance centers ready to respond when needed
- 427 PCR tests transported to laboratories (31 new)

### Security services (Internal Security Forces, General Security, State Security, Army, General Directorate of Civil Defense)

- The Lebanese army and other security services implemented strict measures on all Lebanese territory to ensure public mobilization.
- The army closed 199 shops, dispersed 28 public gatherings. The army also supported a number of municipalities in implementing precautionary measures. The army also shared the names of the 124 blocked roads by the municipalities.
- General Security Forces followed up on the airport's set regulations for the return of Lebanese expatriates to their homeland and tracked potential cases in various Lebanese regions and ensured that they're adhering to the terms of home isolation. In addition, they dispersed several gatherings and aided

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs

several municipalities in issuing several written warnings to institutions and individuals that did not adhere to the decisions of the Council of Ministers.

- ISF issued 903 written warnings, of which 512 directed at cars that violated the decision of the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, 91 warnings were directed at institutions and 300 were directed at individuals who violated the decisions of the Council of Ministers.
- The General Directorate of Civil Defense carried out 6 transportation missions for dialysis patients to hospitals based on the Minister of Interior and Municipalities Decision No. 479/2020. It also prepared 72 personnel and 16 ambulances, to interfere, when necessary, and transport those infected with the emerging coronavirus. It also trained 300 members to transport infected individuals. The directorate also carried out sterilization missions in public and private areas that were excluded from the decision to close.
- State Security Forces visited different Lebanese regions and closed a number of shops. The forces also issued 55 written warnings and examined the adherence of vegetable markets and supermarkets to the decision of the Council of Ministers.

## Ministry of Interior and Municipalities

- The ministry is following up on the issued Decree No. 479 on April 5, 2020, stating the new regulation allowing the mobilization of cars and trucks on specific days of the week according to their number plates.
- Following up on the implementation of the decision to extend the state of public mobilization until 12/4/2020 in accordance with Cabinet Resolution No. 1 dated 3/26/2020.

## Ministry of Social Affairs

- In order to help reach the poorest families in Lebanon, the Ministry of Social Affairs is reviewing the regulations for families benefiting from the social emergency plan.
- The Ministry is collecting information about the poorest families across municipalities, to submit them to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers to later on determine the final schedules of beneficiaries of social assistance.

## Ministry of Agriculture

- The Ministry of Agriculture continues to monitor prices in vegetable markets in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Trade to protect the consumer.

## Ministry of Public Works

Flight	Arrives from	Carrying	Arrival Time
cargo plane	Qatar	goods	20:00
DHL	Bahrain	Goods	19:05
cargo plane	China	medical aid to MoPH	10:35
private plane			11:00
<b>total</b>			<b>4</b>

Port	entered			left		
	Import	Direction	#	export	Direction	#
Beirut	cars	America	1	Containers	Latakia	1
	fuel	Russia	1			
	Goods	Saudi Arabia	1			
	goods	Egypt	1			
<b>Total</b>			<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>

Notes:

- The airport: All arrivals through Rafic Hariri International Airport are subject to health and security measures approved in the plan for the return of Lebanese expatriates by the Ministry of Public Health, the General Directorate of General Security and the General Directorate of Civil Aviation.
- Ports: Before allowing any vessel to enter the campus's harbor, the entire crew of the vessel is examined by a device approved by the Ministry of Public Health to ensure that there are no infections.

## Ministry of Education and Higher Education

- The Ministry of Education and Higher Education prepared the requirements for accrediting the distance learning platform (Microsoft Teams), and during the past two weeks, it managed to create more than one million and two hundred thousand accounts for professors, teachers and students in the official and private sectors. The directors of public schools and high schools were also introduced to the platform (more than 1,200 employees) in addition, 37,000 teachers were also trained.

## Ministry of Labor

The Ministry of Labor issued Circular No. 25/1 on 04/15/2020 related to the health and safety procedures that should be implemented in grocery stores and supermarkets to limit the spread of the new COVID-19 and protect workers.

The Ministry of Labor released Circular No. 26/1 on 04/15/2020 related to the health and safety procedures that should be imple-

mented in industrial institutions to limit the spread of the new COVID-19 and protect workers.

## **Objectives of the National Operations Room**

The National Operations Room works on coordinating efforts in order to accomplish the following goals:

- First Objective: Control the spread of the virus through the application of precautionary measures, minimize direct contact among people, and increase awareness of the population and access to information.
- Second Objective: Ensure the continuity of services at the national level and adopt and encourage remote working.
- Third Objective: Increase health sector capacity by continuously assessing available resources, gaps and look for funding and technical assistance to build up capacities and case management.

## **General Directions and Recommendations**

- Implement the decisions issued by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers at the level of public and private institutions and municipalities.
- Stay at home and don't go out unless it is necessary.
- Frequently wash hands and follow all safety measures set by the Ministry of Public Health.
- Avoid crowded places and social contact and commit to a safe distance between individuals.
- Seek medical care if you feel fever, cough and difficulty of breathes. Call the Ministry of Public Health hotline 1214 or 01-594459

## **Risks that Might Result in the Rapid Spread of the Virus**

- Lack of adherence to the medical advisories.
- Disrespecting to compulsory home quarantine.
- The spread of the virus in crowded places.
- Allowing gatherings to take place