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SUBJECT: COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES: PROVISIONS AND FINES FOR VIOLATORS OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO CONFRONT PANDEMIC

In reference to the Governmental announcement effective 05 May 2020, as part of the implementation of the Royal Decree, which comes in line with the concern for the health and safety of the citizens and expatriates to prevent the outbreak of the new Coronavirus, and in fulfilment of everyone's commitment to implement the precautionary and preventive measures to confront this pandemic, the Ministry of Interior announces, to the attention of all citizens and expatriates, the following provisions and fines for violators of precautionary and preventive measures to confront the pandemic:

First: Persons, or private sector enterprises, or their employees, or those who are dealing with them, who violate the precautionary and preventive measures taken by the concerned authorities to confront the Coronavirus pandemic, shall be penalized with a monetary amount of no less than SR 1,000 and no more than SR 100,000, imprisonment for a period of not less than one (1) month and not exceeding one (1) year or both imprisonment and monetary penalty, with closing of the facility for a period not exceeding six (6) months, if required. In the case of recurrence, the fines imposed in the previous violation shall be doubled. The amount of the penalty for each violation shall be determined according to a classification schedule that includes each violation and the corresponding punishment, and it shall be approved by the Minister of Interior in agreement with the Minister of Health.

Second: Whoever uses the permit or permission granted for moving at the time of curfew, for a purpose other than what it is allocated for, shall be penalized with a monetary amount of no less than SR 10,000 and no more than SR 100,000 or imprisonment for a period of not less than a month and not exceeding a year, or both imprisonment and monetary penalty together, with the withdrawal or cancellation of the permission.

Third: Whoever violates the instructions of isolation or quarantine shall be penalized with a monetary amount of not exceeding SR 200,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two (2) years, or both imprisonment and monetary penalty. In the case of recurrence, the fines imposed in the previous violation shall be doubled.

Fourth: Whoever deliberately transmits the infection to others shall be penalized with a monetary amount not exceeding SR 500,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding five (5) years, or both imprisonment and monetary fines. In the case of recurrence, the fines imposed in the previous violation shall be doubled

Fifth: Whoever provides help for a person whose nature of work or circumstances do not necessitate obtaining a permit or permission for moving at the time of curfew, shall be penalized with a monetary amount of no less than SR 10,000 and no more than SR 100,000 or imprisonment for a period of not less than one (1) month and not more than a year, or both punishments. In the case of recurrence, the fines imposed in the previous violation shall be doubled.

Sixth: Whoever found to have transmitted or circulated a rumor related to COVID-19 on the social media or its applications; or whoever published wrong information that might trigger panic or fear among the public; or whoever instigated others to violate the related measures and procedures, will be penalized with a monetary amount of no less than SR 100,000 and no more than one million Saudi Riyal (SR 1,000,000.00) or imprisonment for a period of not less than one (1) year, and no more than five (5) years or both punishments. In the case of recurrence, the fines imposed in the previous violation shall be doubled.

Seventh: If a violator of any of the above provisions happened to be an expatriate residing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, he/she would be deported and indefinitely barred from re-entering the country following the implementation of the punishment imposed on him/her.

For more details regarding the violations and related punishments, please refer to **Ministry of Interior Announces Provisions and Fines for Violators of Preventive Measures to Confront Coronavirus Pandemic, which can be accessed through the link given below:**

<https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2082864#2082864>

In addition, the Ministry of Interior approved the regulations to limit gatherings and classifies violations and penalties effective 07 May 2020 and any violations will be facing the same punishments as stated above. Please refer to **Interior Minister Approves Regulation to Limit Gatherings and Classifies Violations and Penalties which can be accessed through these links:**

<https://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=2083587#2083587>

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Adherence to the above measures is highly appreciated and expected.

Thank you.

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