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Dear All,

We all are going through a difficult time with the fast spreading of COVID-19 all over world. As of today Malawi has 36 positive confirmed cases including 3 unfortunate deaths. At this time, it is very important that we learn from the good practices followed by countries to curtail further spreading of the pandemic.

We should all be happy to note that belying some dire predictions, India has actually fared much better in comparison to many far more developed countries. This has been largely due to exceptional and determined steps taken by India at an early stage of pandemic. As the crisis has unfolded, we have found ourselves in the midst of unsung heroes in form of doctors, medical persons, social workers, policemen who have been on the frontline of this war putting their lives on line day after day. Moreover, our countrymen both within the country and without have shown exceptional social solidarity and commitment. Consequent to this manifest national determination, number of COVID-19 hotspot districts have come down from 170 a fortnight ago to 129 as of yesterday. You may all wish to have a look at the Aarogya Setu Mobile application developed by the government which is part of an effort to limit the spread of the disease to new areas using technology. The app will also act as a database of all the relevant public information about the novel Coronavirus.

Despite these successes, our PM noted in his radio address three days ago that the country was in the midst of a 'war' and 'we should not be misled into believing the spread of the virus had been brought fully under control'. In his recent article "Life in the era of COVID-19" Prime Minister mentioned that "Covid-19 does not see race, religion, colour, caste, creed, language or borders before striking. Our response and conduct thereafter should attach primacy to unity and brotherhood. We are in this together." You may like to read the text of the speech at following link:

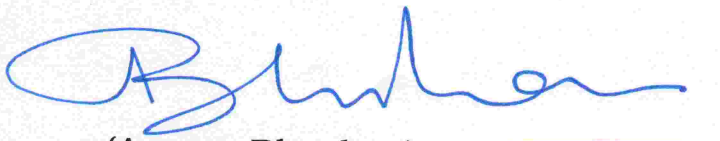
<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/life-era-covid-19-narendra-modi/?published=t>

I will be amiss if I don't bring to your notice India's efforts in supporting global efforts against COVID-19. As of now, India has gifted 5 million HCQ tablets to countries in the neighborhood and the IOR, Africa, Latin America, Central Asia, Eurasia. India is also providing 1.32 million PCM tablets to our neighbouring and other partner countries. In addition, clearance for commercial consignments of HCQ and PCM tablets to needy countries has been conveyed. India has also responded promptly to requests from Maldives and Kuwait for deployment of Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) comprising of doctors, nurses and paramedics to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have continued to facilitate the evacuation of foreign nationals by their governments. More than 40 thousand nationals from 55 countries have been repatriated so far.

Friends, I am writing to also acknowledge the efforts of Indian community in Lilongwe and Blantyre and elsewhere in Malawi in spearheading initiatives to support Malawian community and medical fraternity by way of supplies such as masks, sanitizers, disinfectants, protective cover for health workers, beds and many more such items.

Finally, once again I take this opportunity to remind you all to follow necessary precautions of safe distancing, personal hygiene, work from home, adopting tips to boost immunity through Ayurvedic remedies, yoga practice.

Stay at home, remain fit and healthy.



(Anurag Bhushan)
High Commissioner
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