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INDIA’S PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI ANNOUNCES 21 DAY LOCKDOWN

As we reported yesterday, India was already taking steps to enforce a lockdown, in efforts to curb the COVID-19 spread amongst its population of 1.3 billion people.

Effective at 12:00 midnight (local time) on Tuesday, a total ban was put in place from people leaving their homes and will represent a 21-day, stay-at-home minimum, that will now represent the world’s largest and longest lockdown.

As we are practicing in the USA, as well as other countries around the world, Prime Minister Modi advised that “only essential services will be operational. These include water, electricity, health services, fire services, groceries and municipal services. All shops, commercial establishments, factories, workshops, offices, markets and places of worship will be closed and interstate buses and metros will be suspended. Construction activity will also be on a halt during this period.”

India officials have noted that they are making strong warnings against anyone leaving their homes and it has been confirmed that people are to remain wherever they are in the country. There are more details to learn as to the impact on global trade to and from this region, but it is believed that this will halt or seriously cripple the supply chain from India.

Also, part of the Indian Subcontinent region, Bangladesh has reported a primary phase in their attempt to avoid further cases, as the government has implemented a 10-day leave starting from March 26th to April 4th. This will then be reviewed further for any additional course of action. Many steamship lines have reported that they will not accept any cargo for these 10 days and the government just recently stopped all air service bound to the U.S. and Europe.

As we reported yesterday, the SINDH government ordered that the city of Karachi, Pakistan be placed on lockdown until further notice and as it related to transportation, new shipment movements have been halted. We were updated today that the lockdown period will now be for 14 days, including offices and factories, as further assessment is made.

We have checked again today and all USA ports remain open as they are deemed essential services by the government.

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