COVID-19 AFRICA HEADLINES

**Botswana:** President Masisi tests negative for Covid-19 and is set to resume office duties with immediate effect.

**Ghana:** The government announces a national information contact center to facilitate clarity in information flow.

**Kenya:** The government approves the use of the anti-malarial drug, chloroquine, to treat critical Covid-19 cases.

**Kenya:** President Kenyatta apologizes for the ongoing police brutality during curfew enforcement.

**Malawi:** President Mutharika declares Thursday a national day of prayers against Covid-19.

**Liberia:** Authorities extend school closures and close borders with Sierra Leone.

**Mauritius:** The government will stagger shopping days by first letter of a surname and impose a 30-minute time limit.

**Mozambique:** The parliament has ratified President Nyusi’s declaration of a state of emergency.

**Namibia:** The government announces a social grant for informal settlement vendors who have lost their income.

**Multiple countries have pardoned prisoners including Algeria:** 5,037; **Nigeria:** 52,225; and **Zimbabwe:** 1,600.

**MEDIA TRENDS**

**South Africa:** 10K “Mary Oppenheimer” — donates $55 million to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund.

**FIGURE(S) OF THE DAY: 6212**

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TOTAL COVID-19 CASES | *Data compiled from WHO Regional Office for Africa and online media sources.*