Algeria: The government replaces the full lockdown on Blida province with a curfew during the month of Ramadan.

Cameroon: President Biya cancels celebrations of Internal Labor Day and National Day initially scheduled for May.

Egypt: The prime minister announces a shortening of night-time curfew hours during Ramadan.

Gambia: Hospitals empty out as people increasingly avoid medical facilities over stigmatization surrounding Covid-19.

Mozambique: Police arrest a pastor for violating the lockdown by holding a religious ceremony with 300 people.

Nigeria: News reports reveal that fake Covid-19 tests are circulating in the black market.

Rwanda: Authorities arrest over 40 people for hosting a party during the shutdown.

Rwanda: The government pledges $1 million to ongoing continental efforts to fight Covid-19.

South Africa: President Ramaphosa announces plan to gradually relax restrictions imposed during the lockdown.

Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO): The bank announces that it will bail out its member states by issuing treasury bills known as “Covid-19 Bonds.”

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FIGURE(S) OF THE DAY: 250 percent increase in confirmed cases in Sudan this week.

*Data compiled from WHO Regional Office for Africa and online media sources.