**COVID-19 AFRICA HEADLINES**

- **Botswana**: The government exceeds the $2 billion budgeted for Covid-19, noting that more is needed.
- **Cote d’Ivoire**: The African Development Bank (AfDB) approves an $85 million loan to support the country’s fight against Covid-19.
- **Nigeria**: The health minister attributes 60 percent of nearly 1,000 unexplained deaths in Kano state to Covid-19.
- **South Africa**: Schools are forced to close temporarily as staff members test positive for coronavirus.
- **South Africa**: The mayor of Johannesburg, Geoffrey Makhubo, goes into self-isolation after a member of his staff tests positive for the coronavirus.
- **South Sudan**: The UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) pays tribute to a Rwandan peacekeeper who succumbed to Covid-19 last week after being repatriated home.

**MEDIA TRENDS**

- #JuliusMalema; Burundi; Impeachment; #HeroesDay
- **South Africa**: “Is alcohol banned again?” – fake news circulates that the alcohol ban will be reinstated.

**FIGURE(S) OF THE DAY**: $14m

Cost to South Africa for the 187 Cuban specialists brought in to fight the outbreak in the country.