



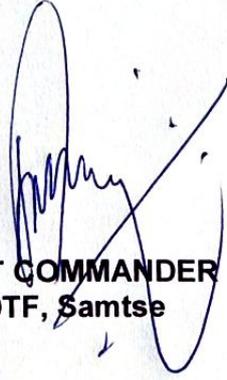
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## NOTIFICATION

This is to inform the general public of Samtse that as per the important notice dated January 16, 2022 at time 3:00 am issued by the Office of the Prime Minister (PMO), Samtse Dzongkhag along with 13 other Dzongkhags has been put under "24 hours blackout" with immediate effect. During the blackout period all the Government offices, Corporate Offices, Private Offices and institutions, factories and shops under Samtse Dzongkhag shall remain closed. All the construction related activities shall be halted immediately. No movement of people and vehicles are allowed, unless authorized for essential purposes. Emergency health related travels, which include vehicles moving towards hospitals and health facilities, will be permitted. In the Gewogs, individuals will be allowed to step out and attend to the important chores within the premises. This black out period has been enforced due to the detection of more COVID-19 cases in the Quarantine Facilities lately and after a suspected COVID-19 positive individual at Punatshangchhu project has possibly interacted, work related, with residents beyond. During the blackout period, tests will be carried out and further course of action will be determined following the results. Therefore, all the people who have travelled from Wangdue to Samtse from 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> January are request to come forward for testing at the nearest flu clinic. The DC-19TF, Samtse requests all to stay in their homes until further notice and follow all the COVID-19 related safety protocols issued by the Royal Government of Bhutan and DC-19TF, Samtse at all times.

**Issued for strict compliance.**

  
**INCIDENT COMMANDER  
DC-19TF, Samtse**