In Uganda, pregnant women die as lockdown cuts off hospital access



Kampala, April 24 (RHC)-- In Uganda, a women's rights group reports at least 11 pregnant women and several children have died preventable deaths since a nationwide transport ban came into effect as part of a lockdown against the coronavirus.

The travel ban has left many Ugandans seeking treatment unable to reach hospitals, with ambulances in short supply.

In other news from the African continent, South Africa has deployed an additional 70,000 troops to enforce a nationwide lockdown, which began four weeks ago. It's the largest internal deployment of South African troops since the end of apartheid in 1994.

At least 65 people have died of COVID-19 in South Africa, which has more than 3,600 confirmed cases.

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