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[1] These are trying times indeed

Before looking at what gov, the Opposition & civil society should be doing, we as citizens, need to realise we have a role to play

We really need to change our behaviour, if any gov measures are to be successful

it can't be business as usual

[2] The recklessness that characterised festive season celebrations are just unacceptable

It would seem like many people are still living in denial, yet the covid variant, or second wave, will have more devastating effects, compared to the first wave.

It's actually scary

[3] Dear citizens, in our individual capacities, let us avoid unnecessary gatherings, visits & travels

Lets sanitize, wear masks,& adhere to all regulations, to the best of our individual abilities

most importantly, let us demand the same, of those we can't avoid contact with

[4] Central gov can do more, beyond knee jerk reactions,which seem to be only linked to what SA is doing.

Please improve on effective & accurate information dissemination

Curfews & a hard-handed approach,seemingly oblivious to citizens' livelihoods & needs,won't be effective

[5] Its equally critical for gov, to clamp hard on political events, from whichever party

The public transport system needs to be attended to.
The monopolization hasn't worked, with those long queues, more so in this rainy season, being a breeding ground for more

infections

[6] Such times sadly demand an effective devolved governance system

Citizens need to know where they can get medical help, within their localities.

By & large, this information is lacking, leaving most citizens at the mercy of social media

This needs to be attended to ASAP

[7] Obviously civic organisations need to play their roles to compliment government efforts

Parliament, & the Opposition,through it's alternative Min of Health,equally need to play watchdog, jumping in, however they can

This isn't a time for politicking but decisive leadership

[8] The gist of the matter remains that we all have different roles to play

Government, civil society, development partners, individuals, all must play their part

Its self serving, to ask what gov or others are doing, when we are being reckless in our individual capacities

[9] From a heart that is both fearful & hopeful, my fellow citizens, let us be vigilant...

If not for ourselves, let us change our behaviour for those who for one reason or another, will be affected more than us.

Covid is real!
Please take care!

We will pull through!

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