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## GENERAL NEWS AND HEADLINES

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### Commuter line's operational hours return to normal

Detik (<https://tinyurl.com/womswz2>); Tribunnews (<https://tinyurl.com/shptfwc>)

Commuter line operator PT Kereta Commuter Indonesia (KCI) has lifted a restriction on its commuter train's (KRL) operational hours. The policy was previously enacted to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, but it failed to prevent crowded trains, where passengers are at greater risk of getting infected.

KCI spokesperson Anne Purba announced in a written statement that the policy would officially be revoked for 80 KRL stations. She said that the operational hours would return to normal on Monday afternoon, implying that the trains would once again operate between 4:00 a.m. and midnight starting at 3:00 p.m. on Monday.

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### Government to distribute protective equipment to medical workers

The Jakarta Post (<https://tinyurl.com/qlm6uc9>)

The government will distribute 100,000 pieces of personal protective equipment such as masks, gloves and hazmat suits to medical workers treating COVID-19 patients to better protect them from the disease.

Jakarta medical personnel will be prioritized and the first to receive the protective gear, as they have seen the biggest increase in infections and deaths. With six new fatalities on Sunday, the death toll for COVID-19 in the capital now sits at 29.

According to the National Disaster Mitigation Agency (BNPB), the government distributed around 40,000 protective equipment items to the Jakarta administration.

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## **Police to postpone implementation of odd-even traffic policy**

CNN Indonesia (<https://tinyurl.com/sehmkqv>)

The Jakarta Metropolitan Police (Polda Metro Jaya) traffic directorate has announced that the reimplementing of the odd-even traffic policy will be postponed until April 5.

Previously, Jakarta Governor Anies Baswedan stated that the odd-even policy would be lifted for two weeks before being reinforced on March 27. As a result, violations have been dismissed and the enforcement of the Electronic Traffic Law Enforcement (ETLE) e-ticketing system has been put to a halt.

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### BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS NEWS AND HEADLINES

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## **Jokowi issues decree to reallocate budget for COVID-19 mitigation efforts**

*Investor Daily*, (<https://tinyurl.com/vaobj4r>); *The Jakarta Post*, (<https://tinyurl.com/uk8pjea>); *Antara News*, (<https://tinyurl.com/vaspfhw>)

President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo has issued Presidential Decree No. 4/2020 on budget reallocation and “refocusing” mitigation efforts on fighting the spread of COVID-19, according to Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati. Besides ordering ministers, agency heads, governors, regents and mayors to prioritize the use of existing budgets to support COVID-19 mitigation efforts, the decree also calls for faster and more efficient replenishment of rapidly depleting medical supplies, including protective gear, to ensure that the needs of health workers on the frontlines are promptly met.

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## **Pertamina considers fuel prices reduction**

*CNBC Indonesia*, (<https://tinyurl.com/vpwuf7z>); *CNN Indonesia*, (<https://tinyurl.com/w7d5cpw>); *Detik*, (<https://tinyurl.com/t3pnwgu>)

State-owned oil and gas company Pertamina is considering reducing fuel prices in response to low global oil prices. Pertamina corporate communication vice president Fajriyah Usman said that the company would adjust non-subsidized

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fuel prices if global oil prices remained low until the end of March. Nevertheless, Pertamina needs to wait for the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry's decision before adjusting subsidized fuel prices.

Currently, the prices of Pertamina's non-subsidized fuel are Rp 9,850 (59 US cents) per liter for Pertamina Turbo, Rp 9,000 per liter for Pertamina and Rp 7,650 per liter for Peralite. For non-subsidized diesel fuel, the prices are Rp 10,200 per liter for Pertamina Dex and Rp 9,500 per liter for Dexlite.

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## **Coal mining companies demand clarity over shipping regulation**

*The Jakarta Post*, (<https://tinyurl.com/s5a6od8>)

The Indonesian Coal Mining Association (APBI) wrote in a statement on Friday that mining companies wanted the Trade Ministry to "immediately issue" a new regulation to revoke the problematic Trade Ministry Regulation No. 82/2017 "to ensure clarity for coal importers and exporters". APBI chairman Pandu Sjahrir explained that the regulation, slated to take effect on May 1 after a two-year delay, would cut coal exports significantly. The association was responding to Coordinating Maritime Affairs and Investment Minister Luhut Pandjaitan's statement on Wednesday that "the President had decided at our last limited meeting to revoke the ministerial regulation".

Contrary to Luhut's statement, Trade Ministry secretary-general Oke Nurwan told *The Jakarta Post* on Friday that the regulation was still in place. "We are still looking at it. I do not have the full details; this is under the International Trade Directorate. But it is in the formulation process," Oke said. The *Post* tried to contact active international trade director general Indrasari Wisnu Wardhana but he was unavailable for comment.

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## **Gojek, HaloDoc launches free COVID-19 consultation service**

*Kontan*, (<https://tinyurl.com/vuhhk83>); *Bisnis Indonesia*, (<https://tinyurl.com/shynl7t>)

Homegrown decacorn Gojek has collaborated with health technology start-up HaloDoc to provide free telemedicine consultation services for COVID-19. The service can be accessed through a shuffle card at Gojek's app. Then, users will be redirected to the Check COVID-19 service in HaloDoc's app. There are more than

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20,000 licensed and experienced doctors ready to give medical advice in the HaloDoc platform. Through this approach, Gojek and HaloDoc aim to contribute to the government's effort to combat COVID-19 by providing a service that allows patients to stay at home while getting checked by medical professionals.

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## **BPJS Kesehatan to join the fight against COVID-19 outbreak**

*Kontan*, (<https://tinyurl.com/uhmdzj7>); *Tempo*, (<https://tinyurl.com/rwh4z9j>)

The government is preparing a new regulation to allow the Health Care and Social Security Agency (BPJS Kesehatan) paying for COVID-19 treatment. Finance Minister Sri Mulyani Indrawati said the regulation will be issued through a presidential regulation. The new regulation is prepared as a response for a suggestion made by BPJS Kesehatan president director Fachmi Idris. Fachmi urged the government to give a discretion to his agency in funding COVID-19 treatment through a presidential regulation.

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