

**Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority**

***Press Statement***

**Friday, 27 March 2020**

**Suspension of border crossing for passenger trains**

***Passenger trains to run within respective boundaries of Tanzania and Zambia only, but freight trains will continue to operate normally***

With effect from 30th March 2020 and until further notice, the Mukuba and Kilimanjaro Passenger Trains will no longer cross the border between Tanzania and Zambia, but will instead continue to run within the respective boundaries of the two countries. The freight train operations are not affected by this change.

This adjustment in passenger train operations is as a consequence of the prevailing Coronavirus Pandemic and the subsequent measures taken by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Government of the Republic of Zambia in the effort to control the spread of the virus.

The new operational schedules for the two passenger trains will be as follows.

**MUKUBA TRAIN**

The MUKUBA Passenger Train will depart New Kapiri Mposhi as it normally does on Tuesday, but terminate and u-turn at Nakonde on Wednesday, arriving at New Kapiri Mposhi on Thursday. The train will run again on Friday from New Kapiri Mposhi to Nakonde, u-turning at Nakonde on Saturday and arriving in New Kapiri Mposhi on Sunday.

**KILIMANJARO TRAIN**

On the other hand, the KILIMANJARO Passenger Train will depart Dar es Salaam as it normally does on Tuesday, but terminate and u-turn at Mbeya on Wednesday, arriving at Dar es Salaam on Friday, early in the morning. The train will run again on the same Friday from Dar es Salaam to Mbeya, u-turning at Mbeya on Saturday and arriving in Dar in the early hours of Monday.

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