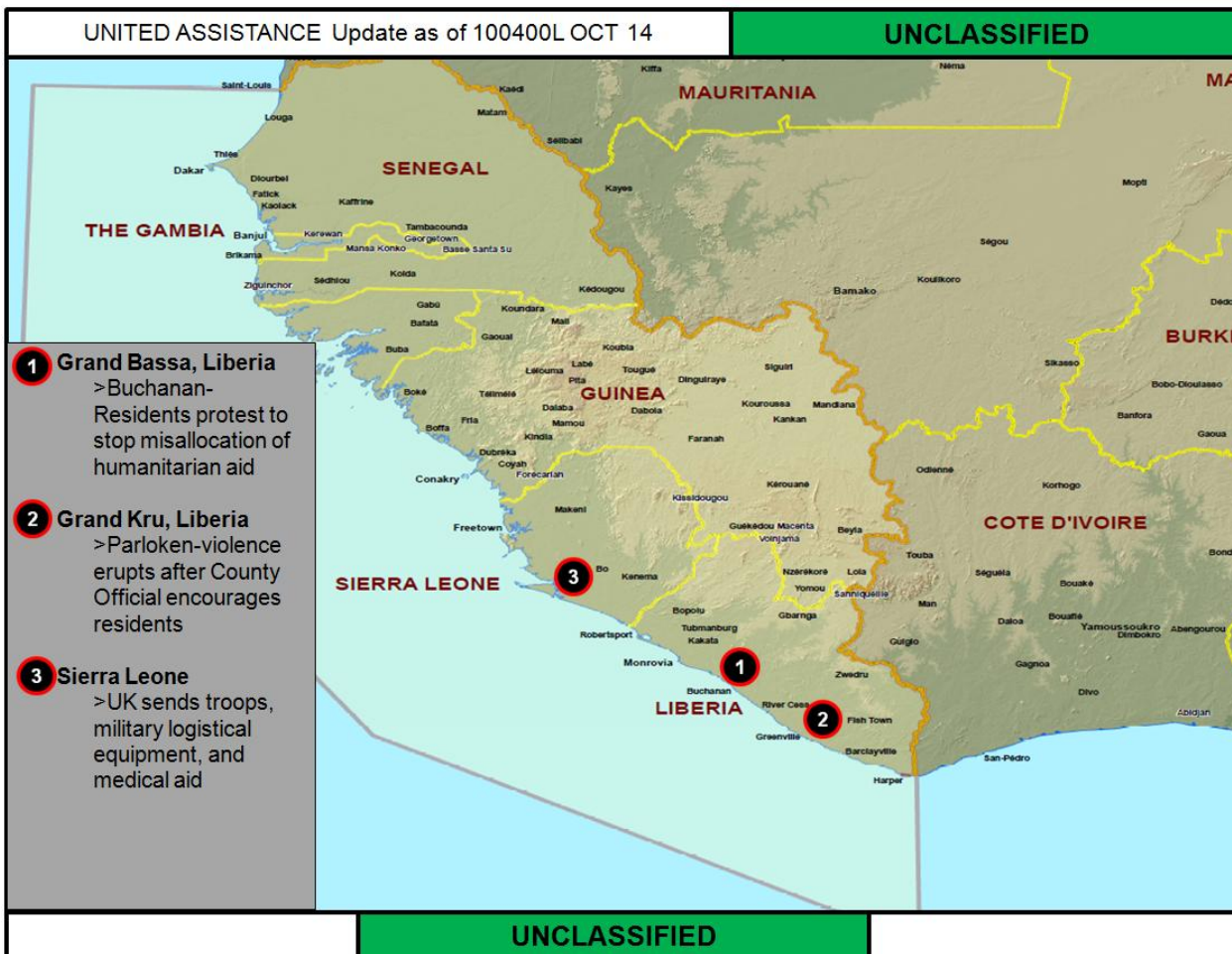


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(U) Executive Summary: *There has been one significant report in the last 24 hours. A violent altercation between a burial team and residents of Parluken, Grand Kru County, which was encouraged by the Buah District Commissioner, is indicative of continued suspicion to counter-EVD efforts. This is part of a larger trend of increased protests over allegations against government fraud and inadequate health care for Ebola victims. The underlying commonality is the mistrust of Liberian national and county governments. If these concerns are not properly addressed, unrest is likely to increase.*

(U) **Liberia**

(U) **Non-Violent Demonstration In Grand Bassa County:** On 8 October, 50 people demonstrated outside the Buchanan (29N LG 8428 4998) administrative buildings. The demonstrators protested misallocation of EVD funds and food donations (Grand Bassa County received 1,500 bags of rice donated by WHO). The protestors were demanding resignation of county officials, but soon dispersed without violence. Due to a lack of response from the county officials the protestors stated they would continue to return until their demands were met. *The populace from Grand Bassa is demanding more attention from the county and national governments. If officials address the issue it may subdue protests and mitigate misallocation of humanitarian aid. Buchanan is an ETU construction location and remains vulnerable to the internal corruption and poor relationships between county governments and residents.*

(U) **Liberian Senate Elections Postponed:** Liberian President Sirleaf Johnson has announced the postponement of the 14 October Senate elections due to the EVD outbreak and current state of emergency. The President has called for the Electoral Commission to set a new date for elections. *The delay may be misconstrued as an attempt to take advantage of Liberia's vulnerable state and political opponents may take advantage of the situation.*

(U) **Non-Violent Protest In Sinkor:** The Regional Security Officer to Liberia informed the OUA JOC that a crowd of 500 protesters was in route to Monrovia from Sinkor, a metropolitan area near Spriggs-Payne Airport. The crowd was marching down the main route to Sinkor following a float containing the body of Representative Edward Forh's daughter, who died of Ebola two weeks ago at JFK Hospital, Monrovia. Forh stated his daughter death was due to neglect at JFK, and he threatens to sue the Liberian government. *Representative Forh is an opposition politician and may be using this event to gain political advantage with the elections on the horizon.*

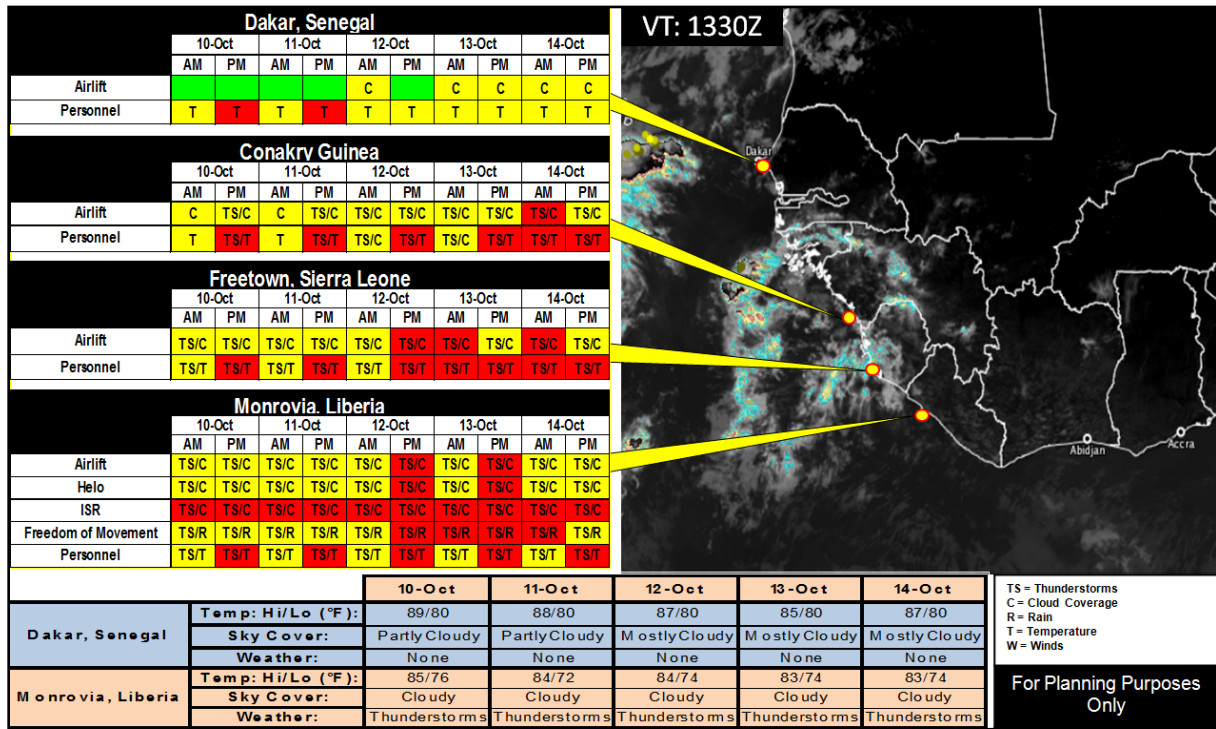


(U) **JOA: (Senegal, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia)**

(U) **UK Troops Set to Build Treatment Facility:** On 8 October, *Panapress* reported that at least 100 members of the British military medical team are preparing to provide a 700-bed treatment unit in Sierra Leone and will also build at least 4 new Ebola treatment facilities near urban centers. The treatment centers will be built in Port Loko, Freetown, Makeni, and Bo, using British expertise and local building contractors. A team of over 40 military personnel, including logisticians, planners, and engineers are currently on the ground in Sierra Leone to monitor development sites. Also, the UK has announced it is sending 750 troops, a medical ship,

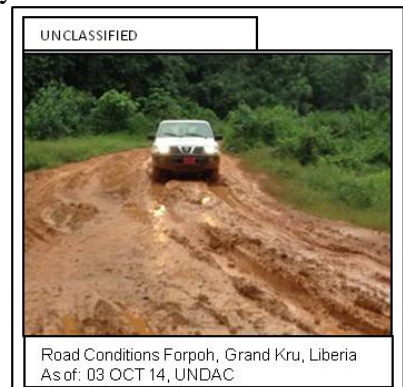
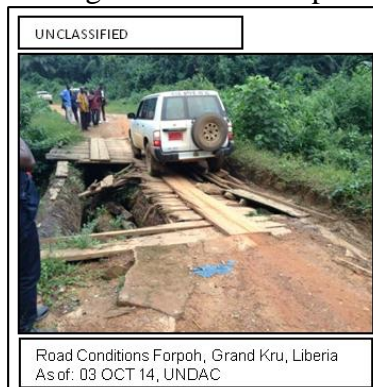
and three helicopters to Sierra Leone. *The British will continue to focus counter-EVD assistance in their ex-colony Sierra Leone.*

(U) Weather



(U) Isolated rain and thunderstorms will return to Liberia on the 10th, *degrading roadways that have recovered from the previous day and having marginal movement impacts to “all weather” roads. Heavier rain amounts are expected on the 12th and 13th, further degrading road conditions and limiting travel* with Freetown receiving similar conditions through the forecast period. Conakry will have fair weather with low cloud ceilings on the morning of the 10th and 11th with thunderstorms returning for the next couple days.

(U) Fair weather will continue at Dakar through the 14th with low cloud ceilings coming in by the 12th. Temperatures will decrease over the forecast period with heat indices staying below 95 degrees even during hours of maximum heating.



(U) *Road conditions in Liberia are mostly unimproved, especially in rural areas. Proposed ETU sites and construction plans are continuously challenged by the combination of heavy rains and poorly built roads.*