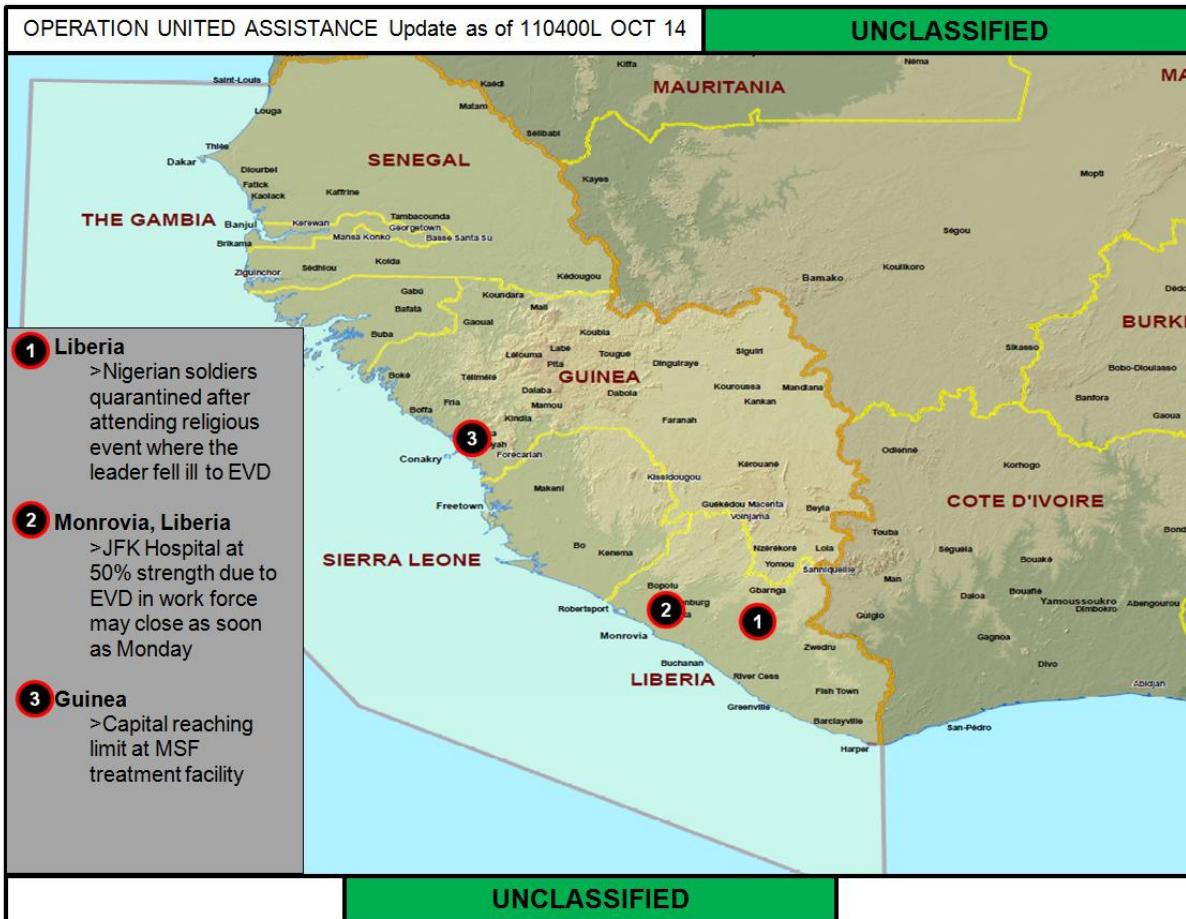


## UNITED ASSISTANCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(U) Executive Summary: *There has been no significant reporting in the last 24 hours and the security situation in Liberia will likely remain stable in the near term. Non-violent protests and strikes by health care workers (HCW) continue throughout Liberia as HCWs demand better compensation for their work. These demands are likely to increase in urban areas and ETU locations throughout Liberia; health workers will likely become more aggressive (non-violently) to gain higher compensation given the high risk environment. The JOA governments, especially Liberia, which claims it does not have the funding to meet HCW demands, will likely seek a middle ground with HCWs to ensure they continue working. Treatment facilities are likely to continue to experience a shortage in medical staff in the near term.*

**(U) Liberia**

**(U) Demonstrations in Buchanan, Grand Bassa Continue:** On 10 October, 50 people protested outside the Buchanan administrative buildings in Grand Bassa County, continuing demonstrations against allegations that county officials have misallocated funds and food aid. The protesters demanded the resignation of county officials, but eventually dispersed without violence. Protesters stated they would continue to hold demonstrations until the county officials resign. *This is the third day of protests to demand official action. If county officials demonstrate more transparency in how aid is handled this could end the protests and possibly mitigate misallocation of humanitarian aid. Buchanan, an ETU construction location, remains vulnerable to corruption and poor relationships between county governments and residents.*

**(U) JFK Hospital Loses Two of Four Doctors to EVD:** On 10 October, OUA Public Affairs Officer learned that JFK lost two of the four doctors assigned to the hospital because of EVD. One doctor died of EVD, while the other has tested positive for EVD. *This leaves JFK at 50% capacity. Liberian health officials fear the hospital will have to close as soon as Monday. Closing JFK will negatively affect the capacity to provide medical care in Monrovia.*

**(U) Demonstration at Island Clinic, Monrovia:** On 10 October at 1900, the Island Clinic Mobile Lab team reported an incident at the Island Clinic ETU. The lab and ETU are 10 feet apart separated only by a partial brick wall. The lead healthcare worker (HCW) informed the lab technicians that the HCWs would no longer be working at the Island Clinic. Patients at the ETU protested as a result of the HCWs walking off the job. Reports stated that patients in the ETU's isolation area were circulating in the non-isolation area. Liberian National Police (LNP) arrived and restored order. The HCWs returned to work. *These workers were part of the group protesting in Monrovia for higher compensation on 7 October. This event highlights the continuing vulnerability of our OUA partners, as these types of events are likely to continue in the near term.*

**(U) Eid al-Adha Prayers Lead to Quarantine:** Nigerian Medical Officer, Major General Obashina Ogunbiyi, stated 1,332 Nigerian soldiers in Liberia are quarantined. The soldiers attended a prayer for Eid al-Adha on 5 October. The Sudanese prayer leader later fell victim to EVD and died this week. Major General Ogunbiyi stated the soldiers are under quarantine as a precautionary measure. *Nigeria is providing forces to UNMIL and the mission's activities may be negatively affected if more UNMIL soldiers and staff fall victim to EVD.*

(U) JOA

(U) **Global NGO Pledges 50-100 Bed Health Facility in Sierra Leone:** Project Hope, a medical NGO, and Sierra Leone officials have been working with the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to assist the country with long-term health projects. These include providing a mobile laboratory and training equipment, creating an Infectious Disease Institute for Sierra Leone, and building a standard 50-100 bed health facility. *This NGO health facility will be an effective addition to ongoing British counter-EVD assistance in Sierra Leone.*

(U) **Conakry's Main Ebola Unit Nearing Saturation:** On 9 October, the medical NGO Medecins San Frontiers (MSF, "Doctors Without Borders" in English), announced the surge of Ebola cases in Guinea's capital Conakry had pushed its treatment unit to its limits. MSF warned the capital is facing a massive increase in new cases. MSF reported that HCWs are dealing with more than 120 patients, including 85 confirmed Ebola cases, in its two treatment centers in Guinea. *The increase in new cases raises concerns about the level of control over the epidemic in Guinea. The inability to isolate EVD cases and provide medical care risks more of the population contracting the Ebola virus.*

(U) Weather

(U) Isolated rain and thunderstorms will stay around the coast of Liberia on the 11<sup>th</sup> with the rest of the country having fair weather. Rain will be isolated throughout the country and *freedom of movement away from the coast will be favorable with impacts to roads being minimal.* Heavy rain will return by the 13<sup>th</sup> lasting through the 15<sup>th</sup> with impacts seen throughout the JOA south of Dakar. *Unpaved roads that have recovered from recent fair weather will be severely degraded and delays to airlift are expected.*

(U) Dakar will have fair weather throughout the forecast period with marginal cloud coverage coming in by the 13<sup>th</sup> associated with the weather system impacting the southern areas of the JOA. Temperatures will remain below 90 degrees after the 11<sup>th</sup>, even during max heating, providing ground personnel with more favorable conditions.