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**Executive Summary:** *The security situation in Liberia is stable and is expected to remain so for the near term. International aid will remain vitally important in maintaining positive momentum in areas where the number of confirmed EVD cases has declined and the rebuilding of health care infrastructure in West African nations. Technology is also quickly becoming an important aspect of countering EVD spread. New technologies that allow quick transfer of money, faster and wider spread of messaging, and potentially a device with rapid detection of EVD could positively influence the operations against EVD.*

## (U) Liberia

**(U) Japan Assures Support to Liberia's Development.** Japan will continue to aid Liberia financially and materially. On 30OCT2014, Liberian Ministry of Health received 7 ambulances and 48 beds from Japan. Mr. Shigeru Umetsu, who coordinated the delivery from the Japanese Embassy, said Japan will continue to support Liberia in the energy and infrastructure sectors and not only on the Ebola crisis. The Japanese stress that the fight against Ebola is an international issue that includes Japan and they will continue to aid Liberia until development of the country begins again.

(<http://www.liberianobserver.com/development/japan-assures-support-liberia%E2%80%99s-development> <http://www.frontpageafricaonline.com/index.php/news/3550-japan-donates-ambulances-to-liberia-s-fight-against-ebola>) ***International assistance continues to play a large part in countering EVD. The plans to support Liberia in energy and infrastructure are long term, and although the immediate impact on combating EVD is likely limited, these plans highlight Japan's commitment and are vital in reconstructing Liberia's infrastructure.***

## (U) JOA

**(U) Ebola: Are Cases Leveling Off?** James Gallagher, Health Editor for BBC news, reported increased talk within the WHO concerning positive strides on the EVD fight. Just 45 days ago, a WHO Ebola response team published an article in The New England Journal of Medicine where they estimated 20,000 cases by the beginning of November. Instead, the current numbers in November have only reached 13,567. Naming Lofa County (Liberia) and Kenema and Kailahun Districts (Sierra Leone), Dr. Christopher Dye, the Director of Strategy in the Office of the Director General at the WHO, states that the WHO researchers have clearly observed a decrease in the rate of new cases. He also guardedly stated he expects the cases to remain at 1,000 new cases per week. Although 1,000 cases per week still is concerning, the decrease does show progress for all organizations involved. Dr. Nick Golding from the University of Oxford indicates that the overall epidemic numbers are no longer exponential, but certain areas remain in that realm. Dr. Dye concludes by saying, "Even if we are able to say the exponential phase is over, our goal is complete elimination in the human population and we clearly have a long way to go on that. If we could show cases falling in every area - and we can't - we would still have a major job on our hands." (<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-29847058>) ***The development of trends to determine whether EVD progress is slowing continues to be problematic with underreporting, complicated reporting procedures, and the mixture of malaria cases with suspected cases. Many experts remain hesitant in declaring a decrease in overall EVD because of these issues along with the fear people will become complacent. Lofa County is continually referenced as the model for combating EVD. Located just across the border from the believed epicenter of EVD, Lofa County went from the highest number of cases in Liberia to having no EVD patients in its ETU as of 01NOV14.***

**(U) Ebola Case in Mali City Kayes Causes Drop in Transport Company Revenue:** In a radio interview, Idrissa Traore, a transport station manager, described how transport companies in Mali have suffered on revenue due to EVD. He stated Kayes, where a child tested positive for EVD after riding on public transport, has endured the hardest hit. Idrissa noted Ebola has significantly reduced the number of travelers in Kayes, where there used to be two buses every night, now there is only one. He further noted transport companies have fought back in their own way against Ebola by educating commuters on hand washing, displaying message on the windows, and even provide the appropriate products to do so. (AFR2014110437214353 Bamako Radio Kledu in French 0700 GMT 03 Nov 14) ***Mali had its first EVD case on 24OCT14 when a two year old girl traveling from Guinea died in a hospital in Kayes, Mali. Since then, a number of individuals have been isolated due to contact with the girl and fear has risen in the area. The WHO immediately responded to the incident and the Malian Government has been proactively training individuals to deal with the situation. EVD has had an economic toll on all affected countries, but Mali is only seeing a small portion of the economic impact that Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea are facing.***

**(U) Sierra Leone President Encourages Residents to Not Let Guard Down:** On 03NOV14, Sierra Leone President Ernest Bai Koroma visited the district of Kenema to encourage the residents to continue good work and remain persistent. Koroma said with time, his government has been able to address

some of the EVD challenges but warned that if residents continue their practices of community burials, then they will continue to waste resources and the virus will continue to spread. The President also stated that until the Ebola epidemic ends, he will not address the nation's other issues. (AFO2014110440917117 Freetown Awareness Times Online in English 03 Nov 14; <http://www.awaresstimes.com> ) **The Kenema District is located on the border of Liberia and has the sixth highest number (490) of confirmed EVD cases out of the 14 Sierra Leone districts. Although the rate of confirmed cases has dropped in the district, Kenema continues to deal with the spread of EVD with 10 confirmed cases since 27OCT14. Combating EVD continues to be President Koroma's highest priority; however, not addressing other issues within the nation can become problematic in returning normalcy to the nation.**

**(U) Weather**

**(U) 24 Hour Weather:**

We will experience significant thunderstorms today as the easterly wave reaches the Liberian border at 1000L and moves westward through Liberia. We expect widespread showers and thunderstorms to impact rotary wing flights, as well as delays to fixed wing aircraft located at Robertsport International Airport through the afternoon and into the early evening. Overnight, low clouds and visibility will marginally impact rotary wing flights inland between midnight and 0600L on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

**(U) Five Day Weather Outlook:**

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**MONROVIA, LIBERIA 5-DAY FORECAST**

AS OF 1900 HRS ZULU 04 NOV 14

FORECAST	Wed 05 Nov 14		Thu 06 Nov 14		Fri 07 Nov 14		Sat 08 Nov 14		Sun 09 Nov 14	
TEMPS	LO: 72F/22C	HI: 90F/32C	LO: 75F/24C	HI: 86F/30C	LO: 75F/24C	HI: 86F/30C	LO: 77F/25C	HI: 77F/25C	LO: 77F/25C	HI: 77F/25C
WIND CHILL	N/A	HEAT INDEX 98F/37C	N/A	HEAT INDEX 93F/34C	N/A	HEAT INDEX 93F/34C	N/A	HEAT INDEX 83F/28C	N/A	HEAT INDEX 83F/28C
WINDS	9 KTS	VRB 10G15 KTS	6 KTS	6 KTS	3 KTS	6 KTS	3 KTS	6 KTS	3 KTS	6 KTS
SKY/VIS/WX CONDITIONS	5 MI / 1000FT	3 MI / 1000FT	3 MI / 1000FT	4 MI / 2000FT	3 MI / 1000FT	4 MI / 2000FT	3 MI / 1000FT	4 MI / 2000FT	3 MI / 1000FT	4 MI / 2000FT
THUNDERSTORMS	THUNDERSTORMS	THUNDERSTORMS	RAINSHOWERS	THUNDERSTORMS	MIST	THUNDERSTORMS	MIST	THUNDERSTORMS	MIST	THUNDERSTORMS
DA / PA	MAX DA: +2405FT	MAX PA: +126FT	MAX DA: +2127FT	MAX PA: +98FT	MAX DA: +2184FT	MAX PA: +154FT	MAX DA: +1746FT	MAX PA: +154FT	MAX DA: +1746FT	MAX PA: +154FT
SOLAR / LUNAR DATA	BMNT: 0542	EENT: 1908								
	SR: 0629	SS: 1821								
	MR: 1722	MS: 0502	MR: 1813	MS: 0557	MR: 1906	MS: 0652	MR: 1959	MS: 0747	MR: 2051	MS: 0841
DARK PERIOD	0:40	MOON PERIOD 5:02 / 4:52	0:00	MOON PERIOD 5:42 / 4:52	0:00	MOON PERIOD 5:42 / 4:52	0:51	MOON PERIOD 5:42 / 4:01	1:43	MOON PERIOD 5:42 / 3:09
ILLUM DATA	90%	95%	96%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	95%
RW DAY	TS	TS								
RW NIGHT	TS	TS								
FIXED WING	TS	TS								
SHADOW UAV	TS C	C TS C C	C TS C C	C TS C C	C	TS C C	C	TS C C	C	TS C C
TRAFFICABILITY	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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FORECASTER : DET 4, 18WS

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