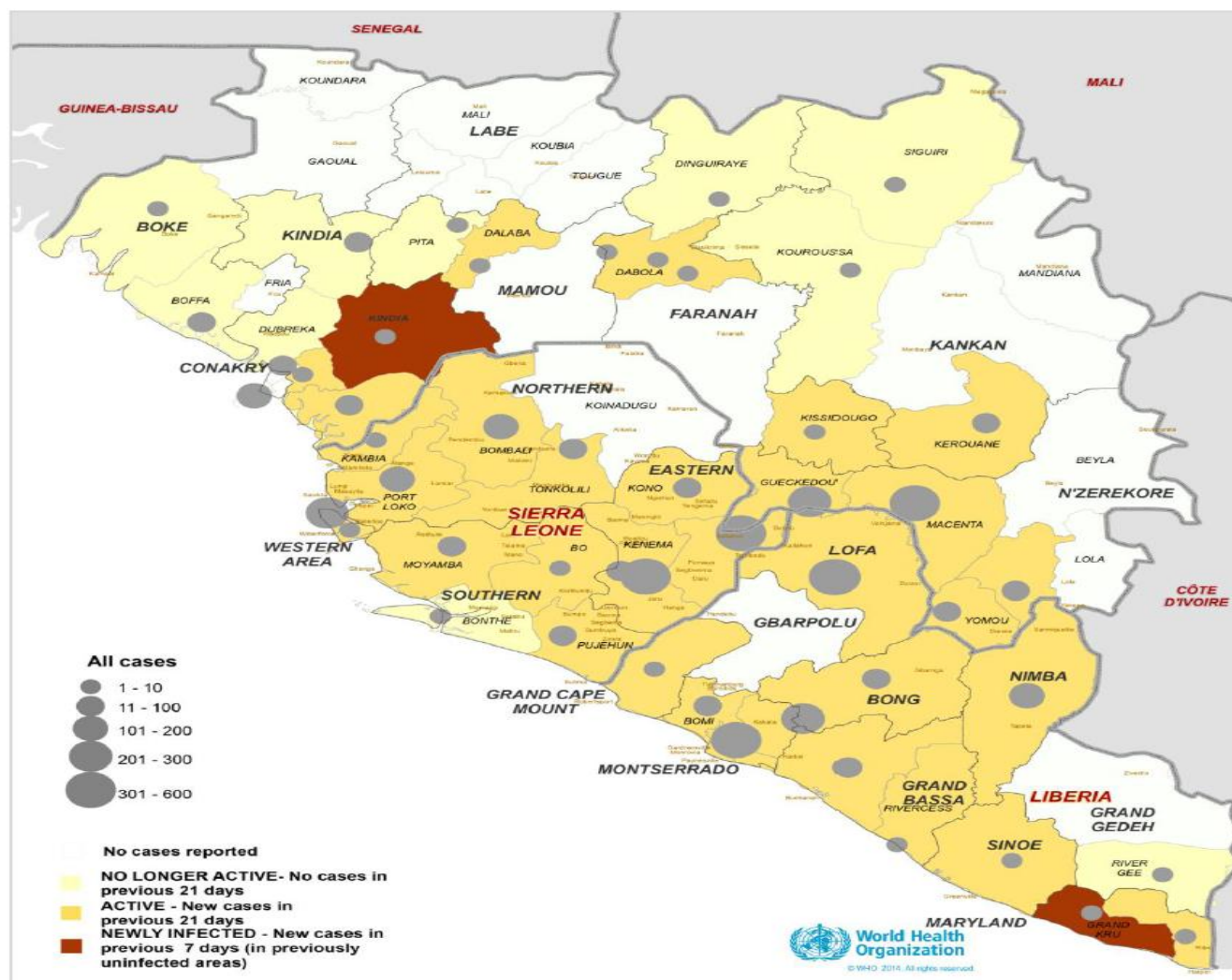




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**(U) UNITED ASSISTANCE Security Update**

1 October 2014

**(U) West Africa: Operation UNITED ASSISTANCE Security Update—1 October 2014**



(U) Source: World Health Organization<sup>1</sup>

**(U) SITUATION OVERVIEW**

(U) As of 1 October 2014, the World Health Organization indicated that 6,553 probable, confirmed, and suspected cases of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) and 2,083 deaths have occurred. Cases are primarily confined to Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. Nigeria and Senegal have successfully treated cases.<sup>2</sup> Limited minor security incidents were reported in the last week, though all three countries remain

***generally stable. The lack of basic necessities is more likely to cause unrest in urban areas because health restrictions have closed shops and markets, resulting in reduced access to basic goods and foodstuffs. The restrictions also reduced economic activity overall.***

## **(U) GUINEA**

***(U) No security incidents have occurred in Guinea in the past week. International aid organizations and the Guinean government are taking protective measures following the 16 September attack on health care workers and journalists, including reducing outreach efforts in the remote southeastern region of the country. The Guinean military and police have not increased the domestic security posture in response to the 16 September attack.***<sup>12,13</sup>

## **(U) LIBERIA**

***(U) Liberia is redeploying Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) teams from checkpoints back to barracks to construct Ebola containment units. Minor security incidents occurred in Liberia in the last week, though none risked broader escalation. Corpse disposal remains a contentious issue in Liberia and is a potential source of public anger.***

- > (U) During a mid-September national address, Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf announced all AFL troops currently deployed to checkpoints throughout Liberia were to return to their barracks by 30 September.<sup>14</sup>
- > (U) According to a Red Cross spokesperson, the Liberian Health Ministry advised health officials to cremate all corpses in Monrovia—not only EVD victims—creating consternation for the population<sup>15</sup> Because Liberian culture values gravesite visitation on Decoration Day to clean and beautify loved ones' plots.

## **(U) SIERRA LEONE**

***(U) No major security incidents occurred in Sierra Leone over the past week.***

- > (U) In the past 2 weeks, Sierra Leone enacted a 3-day, complete shutdown across the country followed by a quarantine in the northern districts of Port Loko and Bombali, the southern district of Moyamba, and 12 chiefdoms "with immediate effect."<sup>16</sup> Five of the nation's 14 districts and 12 of the 149 tribal chiefdoms are now quarantined from the rest of the country.<sup>17</sup>

### **(U) United Nations Response**

(U) On 22 September, the United Nations established the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) after adopting General Assembly resolution 69/1 and Security Council Resolution 2177 (2014) to facilitate international EVD containment efforts in West Africa.<sup>3,4</sup> UNMEER will be headquartered in Accra, Ghana to oversee mobilizing resources to contain and control EVD outbreaks in Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.<sup>5,6</sup> UNMEER will open coordination offices in the three most infected countries, and Accra's Kotoko International Airport will serve as the hub for transshipment of Ebola-related equipment to EVD-affected nations.<sup>7</sup> The United Nations is moving rapidly and as of 29 September, UN Sec Gen Special Representative and Head of UNMEER Anthony Banbury arrived in Ghana to oversee UN efforts.<sup>8,9,10</sup> Banbury publicly stated that UNMEER will ultimately arrive in Africa with 2 million sets of personal protective equipment, 470 trucks, 18 helicopters and other aircraft to coordinate the outbreak response.<sup>11</sup>

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