

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY ACTIVITIES

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- The World Health Organization (WHO) today declared Liberia free of the Ebola virus disease, thus becoming the first of the three worst affected countries to have brought an end to the epidemic.

In the jammed packed conference room of the National Ebola Command Center, the WHO Representative Dr. Alex Gasasira, declared the outbreak of Ebola virus disease in Liberia is over.

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who was present at the Center, before making remarks requested a moment of silence in memory of the over 4,000 persons who died as a result of the Ebola virus disease. She thanked all Liberians who had fought Ebola and expressed appreciation to all the country's international partners and others around the world whose hearts were with Liberia. She urged Liberians not to get overzealous but continue the precautionary measures.

Following the official declaration from the WHO, President Sirleaf led an array of government officials, international and local partners, amongst others on a tour to several health facilities including Ebola treatment units, an interim care center for Ebola orphans, and met with widows and other survivors.

They visited ELWA-II Ebola treatment center, ELWA Hospital, St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital, John F. Kennedy Hospital, Kerkula Interim Care Center, Redemption Hospital, Island Clinic Ebola treatment center and Banjor. President Sirleaf paid tribute to health workers and acknowledged their efforts in combating the deadly Ebola virus disease. She also provided tokens of appreciation for their invaluable service to the country.