

Highlights of the President's Activities

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

- President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf received a joint delegation from the Governments of Norway and the United States of America led by the Norwegian Foreign Minister Borge Brende and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Rajiv Shah.

They both pledged to stand by the Government and people of Liberia by providing more financial and material support in its fight against the Ebola virus disease ravaging the country.

They said their respective Governments see the Ebola crisis not only as a Liberian problem, but a global crisis and renewed calls for more global support to its eradication. They spoke separately at a joint news conference in the foyer of the Foreign Ministry following their meeting with President Sirleaf.

Speaking earlier, President Sirleaf reiterated that the intervention by the two governments demonstrate the level of strong bilateral relationship which has helped Liberia get back on track since her ascendancy which is now being threatened by the Ebola outbreak.

The Liberian leader said her Government is pleased with the partnership with these two countries and expressed optimism that these relationships would go a long way in rebuilding Liberia's health care sector that has been overly stretched by the Ebola epidemic.

Other members of the Norwegian delegation that met President Sirleaf included: Chief of Staff Vebjorn Dysvik and Harald Tollan of the West Africa Unit of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry; while the USAID Administrator was accompanied by USAID Director of Mission John Winfield, DART Leader Bill Berger and U.S, Ambassador to Liberia Deborah Malac.