

**Statement by H.E. Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
to the Liberian National Football Team, Lone Star
Thursday, September 6, 2012**

I would like to welcome home all of our compatriots who have come to serve their country by playing in the three international games.

I applaud those who, on the Lone Star Team, brought us victory in the Malawi-Liberia Game, and we look forward to similar victories in the games coming up on Saturday, with Nigeria, and on next week Tuesday, with Ghana.

I urge all Liberians to go out and to participate by watching the games, by cheering the Lone Star in a very enthusiastic manner.

For those who are not in Monrovia, where the games will be held, please tune in on the radios and also cheer your team from wherever you are.

To the Lone Star Team, we expect victory from you, and you can expect, in return, a bonus of US\$150,000.

Please play well. Please win. I'll see you at the game on Saturday.