

Mass Ebola Quarantine Prompts Protests in Liberia



Freetown, August 21 (RHC)-- In Liberia, residents of a neighborhood in the capital Monrovia clashed with police and soldiers Wednesday after all entrances to the area were sealed off amidst fears of Ebola.

West Point is home to tens of thousands of people. Residents there threw rocks and stormed barricades after awakening to realize they were trapped inside. Police fired live rounds and teargas.

Over the weekend, residents in West Point stormed a school where Ebola patients were being held, reportedly without medical treatment. At least 17 patients escaped, but were later found and brought to a medical center.

The head of Doctors Without Borders told the New York Times all healthcare facilities in Monrovia are "basically closed" as the system has virtually collapsed.

Of the four countries affected in West Africa, Liberia has seen the most new cases. The outbreak has killed at least 1,350 people, more than all other Ebola outbreaks combined.



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