

Liberia's last known Ebola patients discharged from hospital

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Liberia's last two known Ebola patients have been discharged from hospital after recovering from the disease, the ministry of health said Wednesday.

The ministry's press spokesman Sorbor George said the two were discharged from the Ebola Treatment Unit in Monrovia on Friday.

"The two have been responding to the treatment and recovered from the virus last week. But thorough checkups had to be done, and fortunately all proved them free of the virus", he told AFP.

"This means that Liberia is again going through" the countdown "to be declared free of Ebola," he added.

The deadliest period in the history of the feared tropical virus wrecked the economies and [health systems](#) of the three worst-hit West African nations—Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia—after it emerged in December 2013.

Liberia was the country worst hit by the outbreak, which has claimed 11,300 lives.

The World Health Organization has said Ebola no longer constitutes an international emergency, but the announcement of new cases in West Africa has demonstrated the difficulty of managing its aftermath.

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