

# Kerry in Kabul to break political limbo

AFP, Kabul

US Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Kabul yesterday to pressure feuding presidential candidates to resolve the disputed election result that risks triggering instability as Nato troops withdraw.

Allegations of massive fraud in Afghanistan's June election tipped the country into a political crisis, with the United Nations voicing fears that the contested outcome could revive the ethnic divisions of the 1990s civil war.

Kerry last month negotiated a deal in which political rivals Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah agreed to an audit of all eight million votes, and for the winner to form a national unity government.

But the deal has made little progress due to further disagreements between the candidates, and no date has yet been set for the delayed presidential inauguration.

According to preliminary election results, former World Bank economist Ghani easily won the runoff vote. But Abdullah, a former anti-Taliban resistance fighter, alleged massive ballot-box stuffing and refused to accept the result, with his supporters urging him to set up a "parallel government".

# W Africa declares emergency

Sets up Ebola blockade; WHO mulling to issue international alert

AFP, Monrovia

Overwhelmed west African nations yesterday called states of emergency with the death toll from the Ebola epidemic nearing 1,000, as the World Health Organisation considers global travel restrictions to halt its spread.

Soldiers in Liberia's Grand Cape Mount province -- one of the worst-affected areas -- set up road blocks to limit travel to the capital Monrovia, where lawmakers gathered to ratify a 90-day state of emergency as bodies reportedly lay unburied in the city's streets.

Two towns in the east of Sierra Leone, Kailahun and Kenema, were put in quarantine yesterday, a government spokesman said, as nightclubs and entertainment venues across the country were ordered shut.

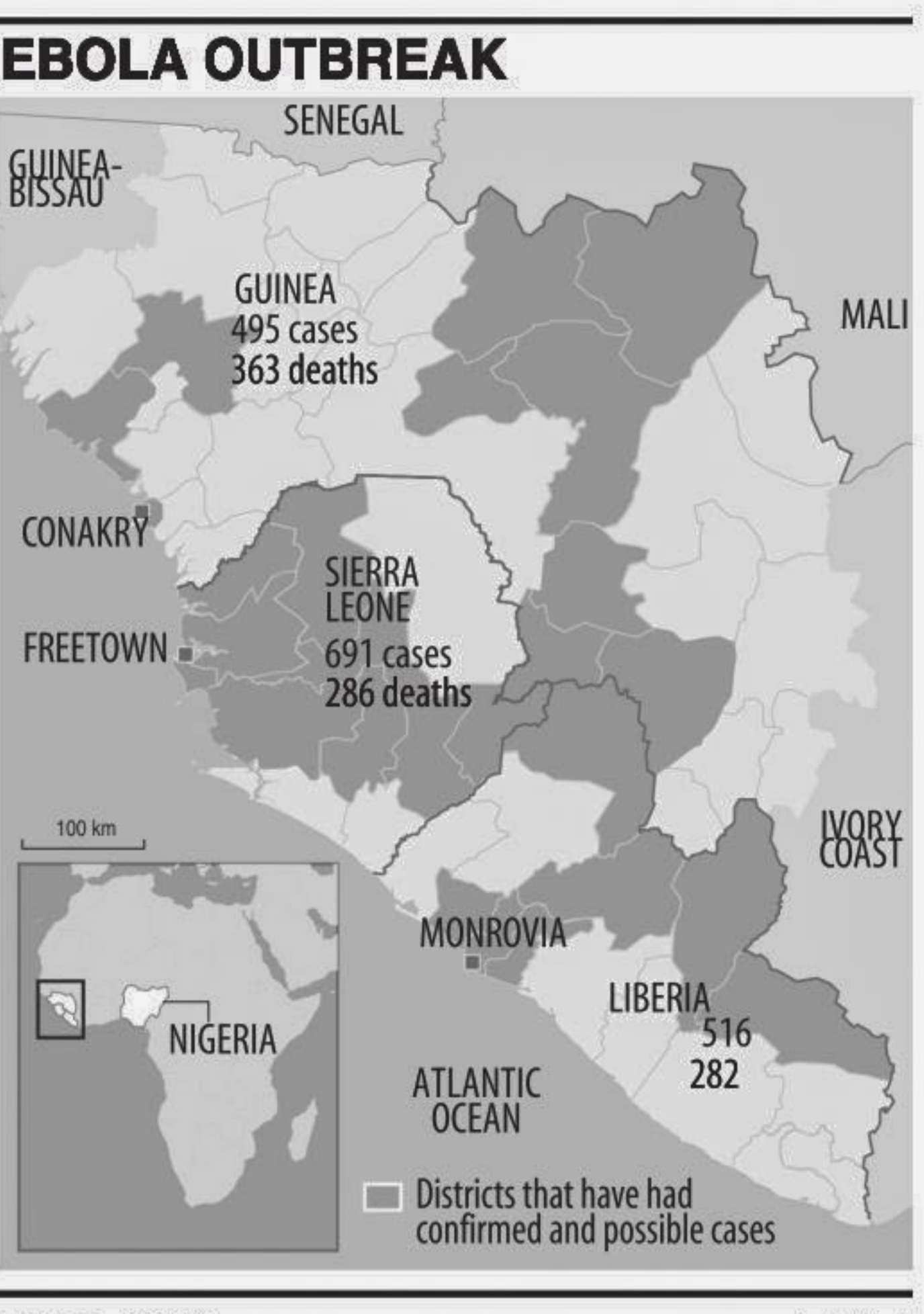
Public sector doctors in Nigeria suspended a month-long strike with fears rising that the virus is taking hold in Africa's most populous country. The deadly tropical disease has already killed two and infected five others in Lagos.

Ebola has claimed at least 932 lives and infected more than 1,700 people since breaking out in west Africa earlier this year, according to the World Health Organisation.

The WHO, which is debating whether to declare the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern" at an emergency closed-door session in Geneva, is expected to announce new measures today, including possible global travel restrictions.

- 'Africans should get new drug' -

As African nations struggled with the scale of the epidemic, the scientists who discovered the virus in 1976 have called for an experimental drug,



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ZMapp, being used on the two infected Americans to also be made available for African victims.

Ebola causes severe fever and, in the worst cases, unstoppable bleeding. It is transmitted through contact with bodily fluids, and people

who live with or care for patients are most at risk.

Spain flew home a 75-year-old Roman Catholic priest, Miguel Pajares, the first European victim of the epidemic, yesterday as Britain gave a further £3 million in aid to shore up Sierra Leone's beleaguered health system.

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said Liberians should expect certain rights to be suspended as the country imposes "extraordinary measures" necessary for "the very survival of our state". She had earlier called for prayers and fasting in face of the epidemic's seemingly relentless spread.

In Sierra Leone, which has the most confirmed infections, 800 troops were sent to guard hospitals treating Ebola patients, an army spokesman said.

- Americans 'improving' -

The two infected Americans, who worked for Christian aid agencies in Liberia, are showing signs of improvement since being flown to a specialist hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. They are being given ZMapp, according to reports.

There is no proven treatment or cure for Ebola and the use of the experimental drug has sparked an ethical debate.

US President Barack Obama said it was too soon to send the experimental drugs to west Africa.

"I think we have to let the science guide us. And I don't think all the information is in on whether this drug is helpful," Obama said on Wednesday.

First discovered in 1976 and named after a river in what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ebola has killed around two-thirds of those infected, with two outbreaks registering fatality rates approaching 90 percent. The latest outbreak has a fatality rate of around 55 percent.



# Till death do us part

Couple married for 62 years die on same day holding hands

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A couple married for almost 62 years have died on the same day in California.

Don and Maxine Simpson passed away within four hours of each other last month at their granddaughter's home, where they spent their last days together.

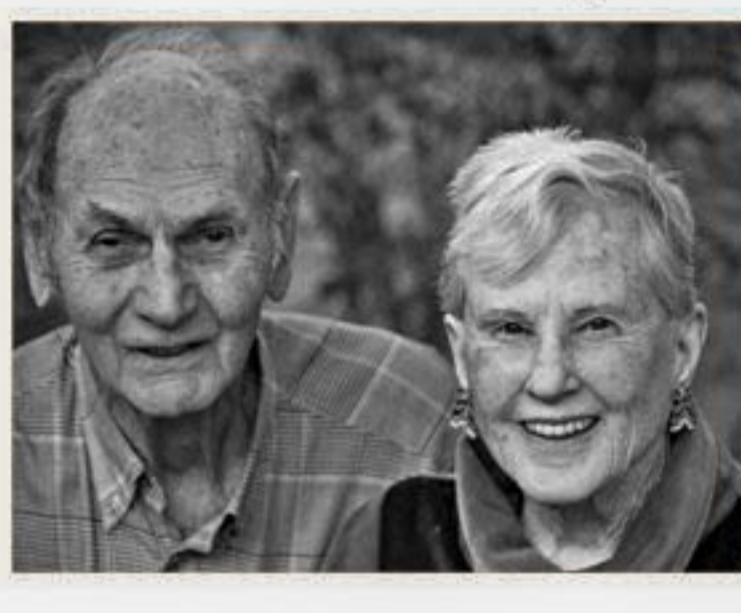
Simpson, 90, and his 87-year-old wife suffered from illness in recent years but had travelled the world in the early years of their marriage.

"They did a lot of amazing things" together, their granddaughter Melissa Sloan told the Bakersfield Californian.

After their wedding in 1952, they moved to Germany and spent the next few years in Europe. They adopted twin 18-month-old boys from a German orphanage before returning to the US.

Sloan said her grandparents held hands as they lay dying. Simpson died at 7:00am on July 21 and after her body was taken from the room, her husband's breathing became laboured and he died within an hour.

"When her body left the room his soul left with her," their granddaughter said.



# Qadri joins Imran Khan

Threatens to topple Pakistan govt

AFP, Lahore

A populist cleric yesterday threatened to march on the Pakistani capital and overthrow the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, days after an opposition leader promised a massive anti-government rally to push for fresh elections.

Tahir-ul-Qadri alleges that more than 500 of his followers have been arrested by police in a campaign of intimidation, leaving him with no choice but to revolt if it continues.

A statement released by his Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) cited Qadri as saying: "If the government continues with the arrests of PAT workers or tries to arrest me, we will have no option left to immediately announce a call for the revolution."

Authorities have so far denied that any arrests have been made. But clashes between Qadri supporters and police in June left 14 activists dead in a rare example of political violence in the relatively peaceful Punjab province.

Qadri's announcement will add to pressure on the government after cricket hero turned opposition leader Imran Khan announced he would hold "the biggest protest in the history of Pakistan" on August 14, the date of the country's creation, to force the



# China city bans veil, beards in buses

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A Chinese city has banned people with Islamic clothing or big beards from boarding buses, in what has been criticised as "an openly racist and discriminatory policy".

The measures have been brought in across the north-western city of Karamay in the Xinjiang province, where hundreds have died in unrest over the past 18 months.

According to Chinese state media reports, officials intend to use the rules to help "strengthen security" ahead of and during a major athletics event scheduled for the 20 August.

Authorities said the ban will apply to five "types" of passengers: those who wear veils, head scarves, a loose-fitting garment called a jilbab, clothing with the crescent moon and star, and those with long beards.

The crescent moon and star are used by groups that China says want to set up an independent state in north-west China called East Turkestan.



In July, authorities in Xinjiang's capital Urumqi banned all bus passengers from carrying items ranging from cigarette lighters to yogurt and water, in a bid to prevent violent attacks.

Around 45 per cent of the population of Xinjiang is Muslim, and the Turkic-speaking Uighur minority say that the government's repressive policies and controls on Islam are to blame for provoking the unrest.

At the start of July, schools and government departments in the province caused controversy by banning students and civil servants from fasting for the holy month of Ramadan.

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### Invitation for Bids

[Last date of submission: 18 September, 2014]

**Loan No. 2382-BAN (SF): Dhaka Water Supply Sector Development Project**  
**Contract No. ICB-08.1, 08.2, ICB-08.3, ICB-08.4 & 08.5**  
**Title: Replacement of Deep Tubewells under DWSSDP, DWASA**

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Dhaka Water Supply Sector Development Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for "Replacement of Deep Tubewells" under Dhaka Water Supply Sector Development Project of DWASA, Contract No. ICB-08.1, 08.2, ICB-08.3, ICB-08.4 & 08.5. These contracts will be jointly financed by ADB and the Government of Bangladesh (GoB). The eligibility rules and procedures of the ADB will govern the bidding process.
- The Dhaka Water Supply Sector Development Project herein referred as "the Employer" now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for "Replacement of Deep Tubewells" for Dhaka WASA under Dhaka Water Supply Sector Development Project of DWASA. The completion period for each package is 8 calendar months. The following are the main items to be delivered under the packages:

Package No.	Description of works	Quantity
ICB-08.1	Replacement of DTWs	15 Nos.
ICB-08.2	Replacement of DTWs	15 Nos.
ICB-08.3	Replacement of DTWs	15 Nos.
ICB-08.4	Replacement of DTWs	15 Nos.
ICB-08.5	Replacement of DTWs	16 Nos.

- Qualification criteria for bidders: (For each package)**
  - Average annual turnover: The minimum annual average turnover shall be US\$ 1.2 M in last 03 (three) years.
  - Contractual experience: The bidder must have successfully completed as a main contractor within the last 5 (five) years, 02 (two) contracts of similar nature (each contract must be of minimum USD 0.3 million) and complexity.
  - Technical experience: Construction of Deep Tubewells of average 5 DTW per year. The DTWs should be in the range (Diam. Casing/Diam. Screen): 18"/6", 18"/8", 16"/6" and 16"/8".
  - Financial position: The bidder must have a positive net worth. The bidder shall submit last 03 (three) years audited financial statements for this purpose.
- International competitive bidding (ICB) will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two-Envelope Bidding Procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Dhaka Water Supply Sector Development Project and inspect the bidding document during office hours at the address given below, from 09:00 to 17:00.
- The bidding document in the English language, may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **BDT 5000.00 or US\$ 75.00**. The method of payment will be **Demand Draft (DO) or Pay Order (PO) in favour of 'Dhaka Water Supply Sector Development Project'**. The document can be either: (a) picked up by the bidder or its representative from the employer's office, or (b) sent by the employer to the bidder by mail, and for this purpose, the bidder is to pay the cost of the mail to the employer. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
- The employer will arrange a pre-bid meeting on 25 August, 2014 at 10:30am. If the prospective bidder requests, the employer will issue a letter of invitation to support a visa application on behalf of the bidder up to one week before the pre-bid meeting date. To assist in the planning for the meeting, it is requested that within seven days after purchasing the document the bidders advise the undersigned on the number of people that will be attending.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **2:00pm (Bangladesh time)**, date: 18 September, 2014. All bids must be accompanied by a **bid security in the amount stated in the bid document**. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened at **2:15pm (Bangladesh time) the same day** in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
- The Dhaka Water Supply Sector Development Project (DWSSDP) will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
- In the comparison of bids, ADB's domestic preference scheme will be applied in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the instructions to bidders.
- The bidder may bid any or all of the packages.

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