

Britain Confirms First Ebola Case on UK Soil



London, December 30 (RHC)-- A health worker in the Scottish city of Glasgow has been announced as the first person diagnosed with Ebola on British soil. The female nurse with the National Health Service, who returned from Sierra Leone on Sunday, is in isolation at the city's Gartnavel Hospital and is said to be in a stable condition, the UK media said on Monday.

No symptoms were detected when the nurse was screened for the virus in Sierra Leone and at the Heathrow airport during her indirect flight, which ended with her arrival at Glasgow Airport on a British Airways plane. She had traveled to Sierra Leone to treat victims from the latest outbreak in West Africa.

During a press conference in Glasgow, Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon emphasized that the risk to the general public was extremely low, yet all passengers of the flights the nurse took would be traced.

"Apart from other passengers on the flights and obviously the hospital staff since this patient's admittance to hospital, she, the patient is thought to have had contact with only one other person in Scotland since returning to Scotland last night and that person will also be contacted and given appropriate reassurance," she added.

According to the latest report by the World Health Organization (WHO), Ebola has killed some 7,842 people in West Africa. The virus is still spreading with a quick pace in Sierra Leone, especially in the country's north and west.



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