

Cuban Doctor Cured of Ebola to Return to West Africa



Havana, December 30 (RHC-AFP) — A Cuban doctor who was cured of Ebola after contracting the disease in Sierra Leone said Monday he will rejoin the Cuban aid mission in West Africa that is currently fighting the deadly virus. Felix Baez will return to the region in January after he is fully recovered, he told the daily newspaper Granma.

"I feel very well physically and emotionally," Baez said during the interview which was also televised. He added: "My recovery has been good, I'm resting and enjoying the company of my family."

His wife said she supported her husband's decision. "Of course, I know him, and it could be no other way," his wife, Vania Ferrer said. "We support his decision."

Baez developed symptoms of the disease in Sierra Leone on November 16th and was transferred to Switzerland for treatment four days later.

After being cured, Baez returned to Havana on December 6th.

"I was always convinced I would overcome this disease and I told my colleagues' not to

worry, that I would return," Baez said.

During his convalescence, Baez was administered several experimental Ebola treatments, including Zmab and ZMapp, as well as Favipiravir, a Japanese medication normally used to fight the flu.

Cuba has 256 doctors and nurses in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea, the three countries hardest hit by Ebola.



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