29 July 2014: West Africa - Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak

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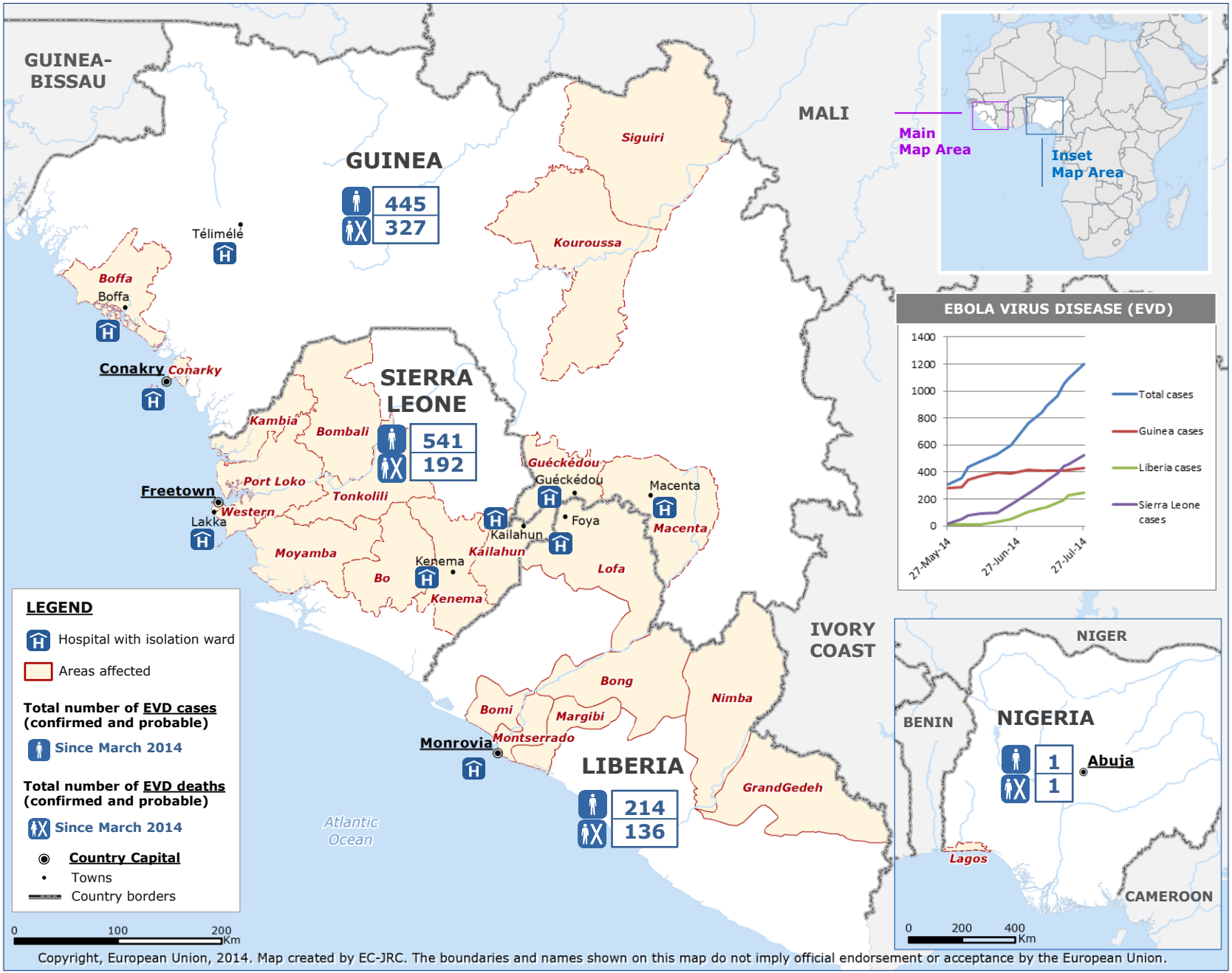

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SITUATION

- The Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in West Africa has been declared a Grade 3 Emergency under WHO's Emergency Response Framework. The number of Ebola cases in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea passes the 1 000 mark with over 650 deaths; in the last week alone at least four doctors (two US citizens, one Sierra Leonean and one Liberian who died) and eight other health staff have been infected by the Ebola virus.
- Liberian president Johnson Sirleaf has ordered the closure of all but a few key border crossings into and out of Liberia. These crossings together with the International Airport will be intensifying the screening of travellers.
- Following the death of a confirmed Ebola case in Lagos, who had arrived from Liberia, Nigerian authorities believe that they have all the potential contacts under observation. All entry points are now under close surveillance and the regional airline Arik Air, based out of Nigeria, has stopped all services to Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Sources: ECHO, WHO

EVD Outbreak Statistics
(all four countries)

Total no. of confirmed and probable cases	**1 201**
Total no. of EVD deaths *(confirmed and probable cases)*	**657**