



Ebola victims escape isolation centre

Clip from 'This World, Outbreak: The Truth About Ebola'

NARRATOR:

West Point was growing tense. The government was shipping patients from all over the city into the isolation centre. The slum was becoming the dumping ground for all of Monrovia's Ebola victims and once again, rumours were spreading that Ebola was a hoax – a conspiracy to kill poor Africans. Just four days after it opened, protesters stormed the holding centre.

SAMUEL TARPLAH [ENGLISH TRANSLATION]:

They came. They took all the patients out. One little boy – who was six or seven years old – he was lying on a mattress. At that time he was dead. They played the body on the ground and removed the mattress.

I couldn't believe it. For human beings to come with bare feet, with naked hands, touching even bodies that Ebola had killed. And they saw the blood on the floor. They saw fluids on the floor. And they're marching the fluid with their feet.

NARRATOR:

People looted mattresses and sheets contaminated with the virus and the Ebola victims disappeared back into the slum.

FINDA FALLAH [ENGLISH TRANSLATION]:

We ran outside. We weren't getting treatment and people were getting sicker, people were dying. There was no treatment. What would you do?

NARRATOR:

West Point was now out of control.

ELLEN JOHNSON SIRLEAF:

Fellow citizens, it has become necessary to impose additional sanctions. The communities of West Point in Monrovia are quarantined on a full security watch. This means there will be no movement in and out of those areas.