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A 4-year-old girl, foreground, and another child thought to have Ebola lay amid bodily fluids at a hospital in Makeni, Sierra Leone.

Scrutiny in Texas to Detect Whether Ebola Spread

Dallas Hospital Failed to Isolate Ill Liberian — Search for People Exposed to Him

By MANNY FERNANDEZ and NORIMITSU ONISHI

DALLAS — The man who has become the first Ebola patient to develop symptoms in the United States told officials at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital last Friday that he had just arrived from West Africa but was not admitted that day because that information was not passed along at the hospital, officials acknowledged Wednesday.

The man, Thomas E. Duncan, was sent home under the mistaken belief that he had only a mild fever, a hospital administrator said; the information that he had traveled from Liberia, one of the nations at the heart of the Ebola epidemic, was overlooked.

Mr. Duncan came back to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital on Sunday and was admitted for treatment, but in those two days in between, his contacts with a number of people — including five schoolchildren and the medics who helped transport him to the hospital — potentially exposed them to Ebola, forcing officials to monitor and isolate them in their homes and to begin a thorough cleaning of the schools the students attended. Mr. Duncan is now in serious but stable condition.

Mr. Duncan's case began with him playing the part of good Samaritan on another continent. Mr. Duncan — a Liberian national in his mid-40s who had come to America to visit relatives in Dallas — had direct contact with a woman stricken by Ebola

in Monrovia, the Liberian capital on Sept. 15, days before he left Liberia for the United States, the woman's parents and Mr. Duncan's neighbors said.

The family of the woman, Marthalene Williams, 19, took her by taxi to a hospital with Mr. Duncan's help after failing to get an ambulance. Ms. Williams was turned away for lack of space in the hospital's Ebola treatment ward, the family said, and they took her back home in the evening, hours before she died. Mr. Duncan helped carry her because she was no longer able to walk. In the taxi, Ms. Williams, who was seven months pregnant, had been convulsing.

Mr. Duncan flew on Sept. 19 from Monrovia to Brussels, where, according to United Airlines, he took Flight 951 to Washington Dulles Airport and continued to Dallas/Fort Worth on Flight 822, arriving Sept. 20. Here in Dallas, the case was being handled with extraordinary caution and raised widespread concern.

There was no indication of panic among residents in the largely Hispanic and African neighborhood where Mr. Duncan was staying in the Fair Oaks section of the city. But misinformation about how the disease spreads was everywhere, even as local, state and federal health officials continued to make clear that Ebola is not an airborne illness and is not spread through casual contact but through direct contact with the bodily fluids of a sick person.

"We're confident that it's isolated and it's being contained, but everyone is working tirelessly to double- and triple- and quadruple-check their work, to make

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Ramping Up a Treatment

Federal officials plan to sharply increase production of ZMapp, a promising experimental drug to treat Ebola. Page A16.

like Makeni, one of Sierra Leone's largest cities, have been devastating.

"The whole country has been hit by something for which it was not ready," said Dr. Amara Jambai, director of prevention and control at Sierra Leone's health ministry.

Bombali, the district that includes this city, went from one confirmed case on Aug. 15 to more than 190 this weekend, with dozens more suspected. In a sign of how quickly the disease has spread, at least six dozen new cases have been confirmed in the district in the past few days alone, health officials said. The

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Outracing Vows of Aid, Ebola Swamps a City Unprepared for It

By ADAM NOSSITER

MAKENI, Sierra Leone — "Where's the corpse?" the burial-team worker shouted, kicking open the door of the isolation ward at the government hospital here. The body was right in front of him, a solidly built young man sprawled out on the floor all night, his right hand twisted in an awkward clench.

The other patients, normally padlocked inside, were too sick to look up as the body was hauled away. Nurses, some not wearing gloves and others in street clothes, clustered by the door as pools of the patients' bodily fluids

spread to the threshold. A worker kicked another man on the floor to see if he was still alive. The man's foot moved and the team kept going. It was 1:30 in the afternoon.

In the next ward, a 4-year-old girl lay on the floor in urine, motionless, bleeding from her mouth, her eyes open. A corpse lay in the corner — a young woman, legs akimbo, who had died overnight. A small child stood on a cot watching as the team took the body away, stepping around a little boy lying immobile next to black buckets of vomit. They sprayed the body, and the little girl on the floor, with chlorine as they left.

Minimal Training and Haphazard Care in Sierra Leone

As the Ebola epidemic intensifies across parts of West Africa, nations and aid agencies are pledging to respond with increasing force. But the disease has already raced far ahead of the promises, sweeping into areas that had been largely spared the onslaught and are not in the least prepared for it.

The consequences in places

Secret Service Director Resigns Under Pressure About Breaches

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR and MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT

WASHINGTON — Julia Pierson resigned under pressure as director of the Secret Service on Wednesday after failing to quell a bipartisan political furor over repeated breaches of White House security and losing the confidence of the president her agency is charged with protecting.

Ms. Pierson's support in the West Wing began crumbling late Tuesday, in large part because she did not tell the White House of a security failure in Atlanta last month when an armed man was allowed to ride in an elevator with President Obama at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Despite meeting with the president last week, Ms. Pierson informed him about the incident only minutes before it was reported in the news media on Tuesday evening, officials said.

Josh Earnest, the White House press secretary, said Ms. Pierson's delay in telling the president was a crucial part of "recent and accumulating reports about the performance of the agency" that led Mr. Obama to conclude that the Secret Service needed new leadership.

After Ms. Pierson appeared at a brutal congressional hearing on Tuesday, when she had to explain to a House panel how an armed intruder jumped the White House fence on Sept. 19 and made it as far into the mansion as the East Room, she woke Wednesday to mounting calls for her resignation and withering criticism, some of it from Democrats.



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Julia Pierson before testifying in the House on Tuesday.

By noon, Speaker John A. Boehner and Representative Nancy Pelosi of California, the House's top Democrat, had both called for independent inquiries into the security missteps, including the Secret Service's response to a 2011 incident in which a man shot seven high-powered bullets into the south facade of the White House.

But Ms. Pierson was already on her way out. In a meeting Wednesday morning with Jeh C. Johnson, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security — which oversees the Secret Service — she offered her resignation, and he accepted it.

In a statement, Mr. Johnson said he had appointed Joseph Clancy, a former Secret Service agent in charge of the President

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At 17, Setting Off Protests That Roil Hong Kong

By CHRIS BUCKLEY and ALAN WONG

HONG KONG — The slight teenager with heavy rectangular glasses and a bowl cut stood above the ocean of protesters who had engulfed downtown Hong Kong. His deep voice was drowned out by cheers, but the crowd did not mind: They knew him and his message. It was Joshua Wong, a 17-year-old student activist who has been at the center of the democracy movement that has rattled the Chinese government's hold on this city.

"When I heard the national anthem starting to play, I certainly did not feel moved so much as angry," Mr. Wong said a few hours later, after a protest at a flag-raising ceremony on Wednesday morning to mark the Chinese National Day holiday. "When it tells you, 'Arise! All those who refuse to be slaves!' — why is our treatment today any different from the slaves?"

Mr. Wong emerged as a figure in Hong Kong's activist circles two years ago, when he rallied students against a government plan to introduce "patriotic education" in schools, attacking it as a means of Chinese Communist Party indoctrination. He played a pivotal role in setting off the demonstrations of the past week, leading a surprise charge on a government building that resulted in his arrest and prompted thousands to take to the streets ahead of schedule. Local newspapers with close ties to Beijing have sought to smear him as a tool of the United States.

In reality, Mr. Wong is troubling confirmation for the authorities that the first generation in Hong Kong to grow up under



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Joshua Wong, 17, addressing demonstrators in Hong Kong on Wednesday. His group has been a major force in the protests.

THINNER CROWDS

The protests became less crowded as the authorities appeared to be adopting a strategy of waiting out the demonstrators. Page A10.

Chinese rule is by many measures also the one most alienated from Beijing's influence. He was born less than nine months before this former British colony's handover to China in 1997, and raised here at a time when the party has tried mightily to win over the people and shape them into patriotic Chinese citizens.

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Teacher Known As Cool Friend, Until His Arrest

By KIM BARKER and KATE TAYLOR

She got to know Mr. Shaynak — "ShayShay" to his favorites — during her sophomore year, when she and a friend went to his classroom at lunch. He tutored them in geometry. He sometimes bought them lunch outside school. He gave one of them cigarettes.

Then, at one point, Sean Shaynak, the hip aerospace teacher in his early 40s with a flight simulator in his classroom, asked the girls if he could take pictures of them in the park, to inspire a nude painting he wanted to do. According to a friend of one of the girls whom she later confided in, they thought the request was weird and put him off, saying they were too busy. They told no one. They thought: Why ruin a teacher's life?

But this past June, a year after one of the girls had dropped out of Brooklyn Technical High School, Mr. Shaynak sent her a picture of his penis over Snapchat, the app that lets people send messages that disappear in seconds. Horrified, the girl took a screenshot. The app notified Mr. Shaynak of the screenshot. He then sent the girl two pictures of his face looking angry.

She told friends and eventually her parents, and her father reported it to the authorities. The existence of that photograph began the unraveling of Mr. Shaynak, 44, a commercial pilot who became a Brooklyn Tech teacher

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