External Situation Report 1 - 15 May 2017 The African Region WHO Health Emergencies Programme is monitoring the Ebola virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This External Situation Report highlights the current situation and the ongoing response.

On 11 May 2017, the Ministry of Health of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) notified WHO of an outbreak of Ebola virus disease (Ebola in short) in Likati health zone in Bas Uele province located in the northern part of the country. The first patient to be seen was a 39-year-old man who reported to the local health facility on 22 April 2017, presenting with fever, weakness, vomiting, bloody diarrhoea, passing blood in urine, bleeding from the nose, and extreme fatigue. He was immediately referred to Likati health zone facility but he died in transit. On 24 April 2017, a motorcycle rider (who transported the first patient) and another person who supported the first patient during transportation developed acute febrile illness. The motor cycle rider subsequently died on 26 April 2017. Other people who were close to these patients eventually developed similar illness.

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