

# Suspected Ebola patient isolated in Entebbe hospital

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HEALTH ministry officials have placed a man suspected of suffering from the deadly haemorrhagic fever—Ebola—in isolation at Entebbe Grade B Hospital isolation wing.

The Director General of Health Services at the ministry, Dr Jane Aceng, said the suspect, who is a Sudanese clinical officer, was identified during a screening exercise on Wednesday at Entebbe Airport where he had arrived aboard an Ethiopian Airlines flight.

The suspect has been working with the International Organisation for Migrants in South Sudan and had been referred to Kampala for treatment after he exhibited symptoms of Hepatitis B disease. But according to Dr Aceng, when the man was screened, his symptoms pointed more towards Ebola.

“He had a fever, headache, red eyes and general weakness – all symptoms that qualify one as an Ebola suspect,” she said.

Dr Aceng said the results of the tests, which are being done at the Uganda Virus Research Institute in Entebbe, are expected today and that if they turned out negative, the suspect would be let free.

She added that there was no cause for alarm since the suspect came from South Sudan, which has not had any case of Ebola recently.

“We are isolating anybody who has signs. If his results show that he is negative, we will let him go,” Dr Aceng said.

Dr Moses Muwanga, the medical superintendent at Entebbe Hospital, said the patient is being monitored closely as they wait for his test results.

“Although he has signs of Ebola, he remains a suspect until we get his results which we expect in a few hours,” he

