

Z'bar not safe from Ebola, warns

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AS a precautionary measure, the Zanzibar government has warned residents that Ebola is real and they can contract the deadly virus if they fail to observe health regulations.

"We are doing all what we can to take precaution measures. We ask all the people to do the same at this time when the world is battling to control Ebola in West Africa," said Mohammed Aboud Mohammed, State Minister in the Second Vice-President's

Office at a press conference here yesterday.

He said measures being taken by the government included finding appropriate Ebola Isolation centres, training of health staff, launching of an Ebola awareness campaign, and finding the

required tools and equipment to counter the disease.

Mr Mohamed mentioned other precautionary measures as strengthening collaboration with other international institutions like the World Health Organization, and improving disaster prepared-

ness.

The minister said Tanzania mainland and Zanzibar were still safe, but due to increased travel across the globe, precautions remained inevitable, including surveillance at entry points (sea ports and airports).

The World Health Organization, in partnership with the Ministries of Health in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria, have so far reported 2,127 suspected and confirmed cases of Ebola, including 1,310 laboratory-confirmed cases and 1145 deaths.

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