

# Miatta Kargbo

The then-Minister of Health was Miatta Kargbo, a trailblazer for women in high politics in Sierra Leone.

A month after the 404'd FB post, [this happened](#):

*By the power vested in President Ernest Bai Koroma, he on Friday, 29th August 2014, effected changes in the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, a press release from State House states. "His Excellency is pleased to make certain changes at the Ministry of Health as implementation of the National Ebola Response Plan gathers momentum."*

*The release adds that the newly-appointed Minister of Health and Sanitation is now Dr. Abu-Bakarr Fofanah while the former Minister, Miatta Kargbo has been recalled to State House in the Strategic Policy Unit until further notice.*

*"(I)n order to create a conducive environment for the efficient handling of the Ebola outbreak in the country, it has become necessary for **changes to be made in the political leadership** of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation."*

Oh, so it was political.

*The release further informs that in the case of the international committee, in addition to the relevant Ministries, its membership will include the **United Nations Resident Coordinator**, the Chief Medical Officer and the **World Health Organization (WHO) Representative**. The reconstituted Emergency Operations Center (EOC) **will be co-chaired by the WHO Representative** and the Chief Medical Officer.*

Yeah, very political - eerily like the power structure we have now - but globally.

*Sierra Leone's new Minister of Health is a well-grounded, brilliant and impressive young man who also holds an Advanced Diploma in tropical medicine from the **London School of Hygiene** and also from the **Institute of Tropical Medical in Berlin**, from where he further graduated with an Advanced Certificate in **Vaccinology**.*

(Rabbit-hole-within-a-rabbit-hole alert: [London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#): Wind back a few months to June 29, 2014 - there's this:

*A major new report by researchers at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine for the UK's influential [All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health](#), outlines the strengths, weaknesses, **opportunities** and challenges for the **UK as a leader in global health**.*

The report was launched .. at Portcullis House on Monday 29 June with senior health policy makers. Speakers included George Freeman MP, Life Sciences Minister; Lord Howell, Chairman of the Royal Commonwealth Society; Peter Piot, Director of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, **Jeremy Farrar**, Director of the Wellcome Trust; and Lord Kakkar, **UK Business Ambassador** for Healthcare and Life Sciences.

[Farrar](#): This (2014) report is superb in showing how far we have come, but **we cannot be complacent**. The world is facing enormous challenges, and we need strong global organisations with authority and leadership.

By 2016 Wellcome had it's [own lab](#) in Sierra Leone with authority and leadership:

The lab at the University of Makeni (UNIMAK) - a collaboration with the University of Cambridge supported by funding from the Wellcome Trust - will be officially opened today (Friday 22 January, 2016) by Sierra Leonean Health Minister **Dr Abu Bakarr Fofanah**.

To further confuse matters, the ex-Minister of Health was [accused of corruption](#) by the Commission of Inquiry report which had found Miatta Kargbo wanting for non-supply of 20 ambulances amounting to US\$1.05 mil.

Kargbo denied the allegation - her supporters [said it was political](#). Could well be.

Don't look at me, i don't know.

What we do know for sure:

- There was strong, organized people-power resistance against US military bio-weapons/defense labs - within a wider protest against corruption.
- The only reason Andersen and Garry had funding was to study hemorrhagic fevers as potential bio-weapons.

As Fauci said when pleading for Cheney's bio-terror [Bioshield](#) before congress after Anthrax:

Biotech firms are our [industrial partners](#) - they are essential to countermeasure development.

But they want some assurances if they are successful that there'll be **a market for their product**.

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