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Reports emanating from Nimba County have it that a 17-year old girl has died after allegedly undergoing the practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in the town of New Yourpea.
The practice, according to anonymous sources, continues to spread across Nimba County, Northern Liberia.
Our sources also said the victim, Lotopoe Yeamah, died following a week of profuse bleeding from her mutilated wounds.
According to our sources, after the FGM process was performed in the Town's Sande Society Bush, the girl became sick immediately.
She was later rushed to the New Yourpea Clinic where she was pronounced dead upon arrival.

Those who allegedly administered the circumcision could not be reached for comment on the incident.
As a result of Sande Bush activities in upper Nimba County, many young girls are now school dropouts.
Principals and school administrators in almost every village and town in this part of the country have continued to complain about the effect of the practice on the education of the Liberian girl child.

Female genital mutilation is often performed by traditional "Zoes." The practice is widely practiced in New Yourpea and other surrounding towns including Gblarlay.
Meanwhile, the chief Zoe of New Yourpea, Ma Beatrice Poryei Zah, anonymous sources say, has blamed the girl's death on malaria.

Though chief Zoe Poryei Zah could not be reached by the Daily Observer for her side of the story, the practice of FGM has never ceased, despite government's banning of the practice.
In September 2010, in the town of Zolay, several young girls were graduated from a Sande society traditional school. They were seen dancing with masks on their faces. The girls spent nearly three months in the bush undergoing Sande society training.