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OUAGADOUGOU (AP) - The private secretary of Liberian president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf said the African leader is departing for Burkina Faso. Cyrus Badio did not elaborate on why Sirleaf is going, but analysts said she is likely heading to Ouagadougou to take part in the finalization of a deal signed January 15 by Guinea's wounded military leader.

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