

# INCREASED TROUBLE IN BOSNIA

## Muslim refugees scurry to leave town aboard U.N. trucks

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TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Thousands of desperate Muslim refugees scrambled aboard U.N. trucks Wednesday to flee Serb-encircled Srebrenica. U.N. officials said six died before they could reach safety.

Bosnian government officials later charged that the town had come under renewed attack, and radio reports indicated Serbs had torched nearby villages.

A cease-fire in effect across Bosnia since Sunday was in danger of collapsing.

Two of the victims were children who were trampled to death

in the "mad rush and stampede" to board the U.N. convoy, which evacuated more than 2,000 people to Tuzla.

Four other people died en route, and the 14 trucks were so crammed with refugees that a young, blond-haired boy fell off during the journey.

The Muslim boy ran after a truck, sobbing, until a Bosnian Serb soldier, Maj. Vlada Dakic, boosted him aboard.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said he signed an international peace agreement last week in New York because the costs of continued fighting were too great.

"If we'd chosen the war op-

tion, there would be enormous suffering and casualties for an extended period of time," he said at a news conference. "We weren't sure we could win the military victory."

Panic gripped thousands of Muslims trapped by Bosnian Serb forces in Srebrenica, 45 miles southeast of Tuzla, representatives of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said. Some of the refugees have been on the run from Serb forces for almost a year.

UNHCR representative Lynndall Sachs said the Muslims' desperation to escape boiled over with the arrival late Tuesday of a relief convoy that stayed

overnight to ferry refugees out.

"There was a mad rush and stampede onto the trucks," she said in Belgrade.

The refugees in Wednesday's convoy joined some 2,346 who fled on 19 trucks Monday.

Bosnian radio said Srebrenica authorities halted further truck evacuations because of the widespread chaos.

Srebrenica is jammed with tens of thousands of refugees, many living in snow-covered streets and dependent on air-drops for food.

Three convoys have reached the town in the past 12 days, but the Serbs had blocked other aid since Dec. 10.

# Security Council authorizes NATO to shoot down aircraft

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UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council increased international pressure on Bosnia's Serbs on Wednesday by authorizing NATO warplanes to shoot down aircraft that violate a ban on flights over Bosnia.

But the council bowed to the demands of Russia, a longtime Serb ally, and ruled out the preemptive bombing of Serb airfields as part of the long-delayed enforcement measure, diplomats said.

The resolution, which is a symbolic victory for Bosnia's Muslims, was supported by 14 of the 15 nations on the council. China abstained.

With the resolution, the international community hopes to

pressure Bosnian Serbs to sign a peace agreement already approved by Bosnia's Croats and the Muslim government.

In another development, the United States apparently persuaded its allies on the council not to endorse or approve the peace plan, apparently because Washington wants to retain some flexibility should the plan fall through.

Enforcement of the no-flight ban, enacted in October to protect Bosnia's Muslims, has little military significance because almost all the attacks on the Muslims have been by ground troops, not Serb warplanes.

But symbolically, it has been promoted by Muslim states and other countries as a display of international support for Bosnian Muslims and outrage against

Bosnian Serbs.

Lord Owen, one of the authors of the peace plan, said before the resolution was passed: "I don't think (the ban does) a lot but I think it's important to go ahead and do it and I think it makes it clear that you can't flout Security Council resolutions."

The outgunned Bosnian government and Muslim states are lobbying for the more militarily significant step of lifting the arms embargo against Bosnia.

So far, the no-fly zone has been violated 465 times, mostly by non-military flights, U.N. officials say. But recently, small planes attacked Muslim villages in eastern Bosnia and then fled toward Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

The Chinese representative on the Security Council, Chen Jian,

explained in a speech that his government abstained because it opposes the use of force to ensure compliance with the flight ban.

Earlier, Russia was a holdout, delaying adoption of the resolution three times last week for fear that Yeltsin would be hurt politically by endorsing new punitive measures against Serbia.

Russian nationalist hard-liners who came close to ousting Yeltsin last week don't want to further punish the Serbs, longtime allies of Moscow and fellow Slavs.

Because of the concession to Moscow, NATO warplanes will be allowed only to shoot down Serb planes already in the air over Bosnia, and will not be allowed to bomb airfields to prevent Serb aircraft from taking off, diplomats said.

# Actor Brandon Lee dies during filming

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WILMINGTON, N.C. — Actor Brandon Lee, son of the martial arts movies legend who died at age 32, was hit by a projectile and killed Wednesday in an accident on the set of the movie he was starring in.

Lee, who was 27, was struck in the abdomen when a gun rigged to shoot blanks fired the object. He died at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, where he had undergone surgery.

The actor was starring in "The Crow," an action-adventure film based on an adult comic book of the same name. He was playing a rock star who is murdered by a gang then comes back to life with supernatural powers to avenge his death and reunite with his fiancée.

Executive Producer Bob Rosen said the accident happened during the filming of a flashback scene.

Lee was standing about 20 feet from the gun when it was fired.

Lee's father, Bruce, died in 1973. Police were investigating Wednesday's shooting, though they classified it as

accidental.

"After doing incredibly difficult stunts on this movie, we were doing something incredibly simple," Rosen said. "It was not really in any way what one would think of as a dangerous scene."

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When a blank is fired, a piece of soft wadding normally comes out of the gun, not a projectile, Rosen said. "I've never heard of anything like this before. I don't know how it got in there," he said.

Filming in Wilmington began Feb. 1 and was to conclude next week.

A series of mishaps have marred

production since the first day, when a worker touched a high-voltage wire on a studio back lot. He remains hospitalized.

The magazine Entertainment Weekly reported in its April 2 issue that other problems have occurred during the eight weeks of production: a disgruntled employee drove a car through the studio's plaster shop; a construction worker slipped and drove a screwdriver through his hand; a storm damaged sets; and a publicist was injured in a minor car accident.

Brandon Lee was 8 when his father died. Though the cause was listed as a brain edema, or swelling of the brain, the coroner described it as "death by misadventure" and rumors circulated that drugs or other factors caused his death.

Brandon Lee was born in Oakland, Calif., and moved to Hong Kong with his parents when he was 6.

Besides a series of martial arts movies, most filmed in Hong Kong, Bruce Lee also appeared in segments of the "Batman" television series and starred as Kato in "The Green Hornet" series.

# Freighter failed to save Titanic, inquiry says

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LONDON — A nearby freighter failed to go to the rescue of the sinking Titanic partly because of an officer's neurotic fear of his domineering and overcautious captain, according to a book published Wednesday.

An inquiry concluded that the British steamer Californian might have saved all the victims and faulted Capt. Stanley Lord for not responding to the Titanic's signal rockets. Lord's family and supporters have argued he was made a scapegoat for the liner's owner not providing enough lifeboats.

"The Ship That Stood Still" contends the Californian's second officer, Herbert Stone, realized the rockets were distress signals. But Stone, who had fled a domineering father at age 16, was too afraid of the overbearing and aloof Lord to go below to insist that action be taken, the book says.

"A normal man of average character would have disregarded Lord's order... and instantly have gone himself."

He would indeed have "pulled" Lord out, wrote the book's author, Leslie Reade, a British lawyer who died in 1989.

# FBI investigates sixth Trade Center suspect

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NEW YORK — A sixth name was added Wednesday to the list of suspects in the bombing of the World Trade Center as a new indictment was made public.

The new suspect, Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, has not been arrested but was included in the superseding indictment that now also includes Mahmud Abouhalima, the alleged organizer of the Feb. 26 bombing.

Previously indicted were Nidal Ayyad of Maplewood, N.J., and Mohammed A. Salameh of Jersey City, N.J., both 25. In the new indictment handed up Wednesday, the four men are charged with using explosives to maliciously damage and destroy the World Trade Center, resulting in the death of six people.

A fifth man, Bilal Alkai, 26, has been charged with aiding and abetting the bombing but has not been indicted.

A sixth suspect, 42-year-old Ibrahim Elgabronwy, is being held without bail but is charged only with obstructing justice after a fight with two FBI agents executing a search warrant.

In a statement, prosecutors said a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Yousef, 25, who once lived at the same Jersey City residence as Salameh. No other information was pro-

vided about him. Salameh lived with a group of about seven fellow Muslims in two spartan apartments in Jersey City.

Salameh, Ayyad, Abouhalima and Alkai, all from the Middle East, are being held without bail. Abouhalima's attorney, Jesse Berman, said he had never before heard the name of the latest suspect.

The lunchtime blast at the world's second-tallest buildings killed a six people, injured more than 1,000 and inflicted \$500 million in damages.

Salameh was arrested after authorities linked him to a rental van and he returned to the rental company to haggle over a \$400 deposit.

Ayyad, a chemical engineer, was arrested a short time later at his home. Abouhalima was arrested at his family's home in Egypt.

His brother said he left the country shortly after Salameh's arrest.

Alkai surrendered for questioning and was charged in the bombing several hours later.

All have denied involvement in the bombing.

Earlier Wednesday, an office printer belonging to Ayyad was seized by authorities investigating a letter claiming responsibility for the attack, officials said.

The letter was sent to The New York Times within days of the blast.

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