

World leaders discuss economy, Bosnia

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TOKYO — After scoring a first-day accord on free trade, leaders of the world's seven richest industrial countries tried but failed Wednesday night to come up with new approaches to end the bloodshed in Bosnia.

While the conflict in the former Yugoslavia defied solution, President Clinton and the other leaders did reach agreement on a sharply worded declaration to be issued Thursday morning that will brand Iran and Iraq for defying international standards of conduct.

That document, officials said, would condemn Iran, Iraq and Libya, lend tepid support to besieged Muslims in Bosnia and call for restructuring the U.N. Security Council.

Clinton and the other summit leaders pronounced themselves extremely satisfied with the opening day of the 19th annual economic summit, which began with

Industrial nations condemn Iraq, Iran

a breakthrough agreement on world trade talks and ended with a working dinner where they turned from economics to the political troubles facing the world.

The summit, attended by the leaders of the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy, will wrap up on Friday with a joint statement on the economy and discussions with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

"I'm having a good time," Clinton said in the midst of a whirlwind of activity.

He received a standing ovation from students at a prestigious Japanese university even though he told them they were being victimized by their government's high trade barriers.

He also waded into crowds along the street to shake hands and paid a surprise visit to the U.S. briefing room to hail a last-minute breakthrough on trade which oc-

curred just before the summit's formal opening ceremonies.

"While there are difficult negotiations ahead, today's agreement breaks the logjam on the Uruguay Round," Clinton said, referring to the seven-year negotiating effort by 114 nations to lower trade barriers.

The hope is that the package of tariff cuts will breathe new life into the negotiations and allow them to be completed by the end of the year.

There was less progress on a second trade front, an effort by the administration to reach agreement on a framework agreement that would commit Japan to opening its markets to American goods as a way of shrinking America's huge \$50 billion deficit with that country.

Officials said those talks would resume on Thursday and they hoped a deal could still be reached by the summit's conclusion.

However, a senior U.S. Treasury official told reporters Wednesday night that the administration would wait to negotiate with the new Japanese government if necessary rather than complete an unsatisfactory agreement with Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa.

Miyazawa, who is facing elections in less than two weeks and is widely viewed as a lame duck, even appeared happy to forget about his domestic troubles and bask for perhaps the last time in the international spotlight.

He acted the genial host, chatting with each of the arriving leaders before ushering them into the palace's Hall of Birds and Flowers for the summit talks.

On Bosnia, briefers said the summit leaders would retreat from the veiled threat leveled last year to use force in the former Yugoslav republic. A senior Clinton administration official, who talked on condition that his name not be used, suggested that might have raised false hopes for the Muslims.

Hurricane ravages Mexico; 14,000 abandon their homes

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PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico — Hurricane Calvin hit the Mexican mainland near this resort city Wednesday after leaving a trail of flooding and destruction up the Pacific Coast.

At least 28 people were reported killed since Monday by winds, floods and storm-related rains and that have fallen from the Yucatan Peninsula to Gulf of California. More than 14,000 people were forced from their homes.

Docks and airports closed as the hurricane moved slowly northward past posh resorts, oil ports and fishing villages. Coconut palms and other trees fell. Dozens of seaside cottages, thatched roof restaurants and fishermen's huts were torn off their foundations or washed away.

Calvin hit Manzanillo, a city of 93,000, with winds of 85 mph, then sliced inland through sparsely populated countryside, toward Puerto Vallarta, said the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla. By mid-afternoon, the storm was 35 miles south of the Puerto Vallarta, a city of 95,000.

Its path would carry it back over the open sea, toward the Gulf of California. Mexican officials declared a hurricane watch for southern Baja California, 300 miles to the northwest of the storm.

There were no immediate reports of deaths in the Manzanillo-Puerto Vallarta region, but phones and power were out in much of the area, many roads were blocked and there was extensive flooding, said Marcelino Rojo of the Civil Protection Agency for Jalisco State, which includes Puerto Vallarta.

"There is damage ... but we can't say how much there is because of the lack of communication," he said, adding there were reports of water waist-deep in some towns.

Officials in Colima state, which includes Manzanillo, said late in the morning that they had not received any reports of deaths but that the storm had knocked out electricity and destroyed some shacks.

"The trees are moving almost in a circle," Manzanillo resident Virginia Cepeda reported by telephone as the storm's edge crossed the city.

In a news release, Colima state officials said several thousand people had been evacuated. Notimex and other Mexican news organizations reported more than 14,000 people were evacuated or driven from their homes earlier farther south.

The storm began hitting southern Mexico late Monday and by Tuesday morning, its winds had gained hurricane force of more than 75 mph. Outlying clouds spread rain across much of Mexico.

The government's Notimex news agency said Tuesday evening that 28 people had been killed in weather-related incidents. That included traffic accidents on rainy roads in the central state of San Luis Potosi, some 250 miles from the Pacific Coast, as well as drownings in flooded rivers or along the coast.

The deaths included three people who drowned off Acapulco on Tuesday, civil defense officials said. The storm flooded many neighborhoods in Acapulco, leaving water waist-deep in places.

About 25 miles north of Acapulco, in Pie de la Cuesta, pounding waves tore houses, huts and a pink stucco hotel into surf Tuesday. All that was left of one two-story house was a swimming pool a few feet from the sea.

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Mississippi destroys crops worth \$1 billion

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The Mississippi River sprawled 7 miles outside its banks Wednesday north of St. Louis, rushing through a breached levee to inundate thousands of acres of farmland and lapping at the top of levees protecting West Alton, Mo.

Still more waves of thunderstorms pummeled the region with heavy rain, and federal officials estimated crop damage alone across the upper Midwest would be about \$1 billion.

In Davenport, Iowa, residents watched in vain for the Mississippi to crest and begin draining out of their city. The river, fed by heavy rain, rose above flood stage on June 11 to start the worst flooding since 1965. River officials said it should crest Thursday.

In Illinois, most of Pontoonac was under water and few people were left in town, officials said. And the Illinois and Mississippi rivers combined to flood Grafton — the city operated a boat shuttle service to the only major road out.

Some 7 inches of rain overnight flooded streets in Jefferson City, Mo. Rain also helped collapse part of a bridge in Nebraska and flooded out residents along Iowa's Des Moines and Iowa rivers.

Flooding on the Mississippi and its tributaries throughout the Midwest has been blamed for 15 deaths and billions of dollars in damage to property and crops. In Washington, federal officials pledged comprehensive assistance for the Midwest.

Hundreds of National Guardsmen were on duty in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri to help with sandbagging and evacuations, and Illinois also had mobilized 400 state prison inmates to help.

Some 500 people already had been evacuated from West Alton, after the National Weather Service decided the river would crest 2 feet higher than first thought and volunteers gave up sandbagging levees protecting the town. As many as 1,500 people in and around the town were expected to be affected.

"We laid all these sandbags, and we thought we had done good," said Jim Runyons, a volunteer from nearby Wood River, Ill. "It just about breaks your heart."

AIDS

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"All national estimates are unreliable because they don't allow for a random survey," he said.

Dirks said that not many students take advantage of the testing, but the number of those who do is increasing.

In all, 159 students have been tested by the health center as of

June. Both the health center and the BVCAA provide pre- and post-test counseling, Dirks said.

The BVCAA has not been conducting the free testing this summer, but will begin either later in the summer or in the beginning of the fall, Fowler said.

Fowler also said that AIDS testing is also conducted by Planned Parenthood on 4001 East 29th St. (846-1744), and the Brazos County Health Department at 201 North Texas Ave. (361-4450).

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economic well-being of affected communities," he said.

But the Endangered Species Coalition said the Studds bill allows financial incentives and technical assistance for private landowners to conserve and promote the recovery of animals and plants which are listed or candidate species for endangerment.

Van Kerrebroek said the Studds bill does not mean there will be no economic benefits because of "ecotourism" - tourism based on the environment.

"Costa Rica has enormous tourism," she said. "Recreation is one of the top three industries in Texas, and the only one of the three growing right now."

In addition to financial incentives, the Studds bill also includes the formulation of integrated, multispecies recovery plans.

Fields said the survival of endangered species does not mean that the environment cannot be used. He said the species can be taken and bred in captivity.

Environmental groups such as the Sierra Club said the loss of a species can have tragic consequences on the environment. The Sierra Club used the marsh birds as an example. If marsh birds become endangered, it would signal that the wetlands, which are vital for controlling floods and purifying drinking water are endangered as well.

Supporters of both reauthorization bills are encouraging citizens to write their legislators about their views on the ESA reauthorization.

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