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Fighting intensifies for Chechnya independence

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Fighter jets attacked the airport of the Chechen capital Tuesday, hours after Russian President Boris Yeltsin threatened to crack down on the breakaway region if the fighting doesn't stop.

It was the first time jets have been used in the escalating conflict in the Caucasus Mountains region, which declared independence from Moscow in 1991. Russia has openly backed the opposition to elected Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev, but denies providing any military help. It says mercenaries are involved on both sides.

Dudayev said the jet attack was the latest sign that Russia is arming and leading the opposition forces. "Here you see the situation with your own eyes," he told reporters minutes after the jets flew low over the city and anti-aircraft fire roared out. "You hear and have seen the plane go down."

Chechen officials claim to have shot down a Russian-made MiG fighter, one of four MiGs and four Su-27s that they said attacked the airport six miles north of the Chechen capital, Grozny. They also claimed to have shot down two helicopters.

At the airport, four Tu-134 civil aircraft were destroyed and smoking on the tarmac. A few hundred yards away, two storage tanks of jet fuel had been hit and were belching orange flames into the night sky.

Ali Khasiev, head of airport security, said there were no casualties.

As a plume of black smoke from the downed plane rose over Grozny, some residents ran to get out of the city center while others scrambled onto buses. Some were crying, some carrying children.

The latest opposition offensive began last week with helicopter attacks on Grozny's outskirts. Dudayev's forces repulsed the attacks Saturday in heavy fighting at his presidential palace.

His government claimed to have captured about 70 Russians, including Army officers and soldiers, and on Sunday

threatened to execute them if Russia did not claim them by Tuesday evening. Dudayev later said the Russians would be treated as prisoners of war.

The deadline passed with no word on the prisoners' fate.

Yeltsin issued an ultimatum of his own Tuesday. He demanded that all prisoners be released and that both sides disband their forces within 48 hours, or Russia would impose a state of emergency in the mostly Muslim republic of 1.2 million people.

"Any hope for the internal settlement of the conflict inside Chechnya has been exhausted," Yeltsin said. "The situation poses an extreme danger to stability and peace in our society, to the vital interests and national security of Russia."

Moscow has sent troops once before, in late 1991, to try to force Chechnya to abandon its independence, but pulled back in the face of popular resis-

tance. Since then, it has maintained a heavy military presence nearby.

Chechnya and other regions in the Caucasus put up resistance to Russian imperial encroachment in the 19th century, and continue to have a reputation in Russia as a tamed and criminal.

Dudayev has warned that the conflict could spread throughout Russia's Caucasus.

"We've already waited 300 years for our independence and we're prepared to wait longer — today we're ready to fight," said Chechnya's military commander, Col. Aslan Maskhadov, as he studied a map in his operations room.

On guard outside, Ibrat Oysaev, a veteran of the Afghan war who had a large bayonet hanging from his belt and an assault rifle over his shoulder, said: "We don't want war, but they're attacking our families' homes."

Chechnya's foreign minister, Yousef Shamsedin, said Yeltsin's threats meant nothing. Asked whether Dudayev hoped to speak with Yeltsin, Shamsedin replied: "You think he will pray to Yeltsin to take back this ultimatum? Never. He is a Chechen."

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— Col. Aslan Maskhadov, Chechnya military commander

Solutions to civil unrest in Zaire, Tanzania lead to violence

GENEVA (AP) — Sending soldiers to restore order in Rwandan refugee camps in Zaire and Tanzania probably will only lead to more violence, an official of the U.N. children's fund said Tuesday.

The comments by Nigel Fisher, UNICEF representative in Rwanda, contradicted a recommendation by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to send soldiers to the camps, which house more than 1 million refugees.

The camps in Zaire and Tanzania are controlled by leaders of the defeated Rwandan government and by Hutu militiamen and soldiers, including those suspected of committing massacres in

Rwanda.

The solution to security problems in camps in Zaire and Tanzania is to convince refugees to go home — not to send in soldiers, police, Fisher said.

"Either of those solutions will probably lead to violence," he said.

UNICEF and other aid agencies think the Rwandan government installed by victorious Tutsi-led rebels is "as good an option as there is going to be, and is worth supporting," Fisher said.

He rejected the view of the U.N. refugee agency that there were systematic revenge killings in the country.

Remedial

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college classes in 1994-95 was \$127 million and in 1988-89 was \$35 million.

Gary Engelgau, executive director of admissions and records, said that an increase in statewide requirements for the TASP may have contributed to the increase in enrollment.

"If students do not pass the test, they have to be given remediation," Engelgau said.

"That is what's driven a lot of this. However, the real question is if the money for re-

mediation has gone up for this campus." Engelgau said he does not believe students have demonstrated an increased need for remediation classes.

"The average standards or qualifications for the freshman class have been improving every year," Engelgau said. "This includes test scores, such as the SAT and the ACT. The trend is up. All kids are improving to some degree."

Statewide, 46.2 percent of the money spent on remedial courses for 1994-95 was spent on teaching basic math skills, compared to 32.9 percent for writing and 20.9 percent for reading.

At A&M, however, the numbers are different, Sturdivant said.

The majority of students take remediation courses at A&M are taking writing courses, she said.

This could possibly be because the admissions criteria for A&M focuses more on the math courses students have taken.

"Also, we enroll a lot of students in engineering, business and science," Sturdivant said.

"These require strong math backgrounds." She said community colleges will see greater evidence of the increase in remediation enrollment.

"Most of the remedial education is at the two-year community colleges or institutions, not Texas A&M," she said.

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