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Karadzic invites U.N. investigators to Bosnia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In a show of bravado, indicted wartime leader Radovan Karadzic invited U.N. lawyers to Bosnian Serb territory on Wednesday to investigate him before he decides whether to agree to stand trial, his closest aide said.

Momcilo Krajisnik, the Serb member of Bosnia's three-man pres-

idency, relayed the offer to U.N. human rights envoy Elisabeth Rehn during a meeting in Pale, Karadzic's stronghold.

Karadzic proposed that Rehn interview him and his wartime military commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, and mediate between the U.N. war crimes tribunal, on the

one hand, and the two indicted suspects on the other, Krajisnik said.

Expressing his belief that the two would not be put on trial, Krajisnik said simply: "National heroes cannot be charged with war crimes."

The U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, has indicted Karadzic on two counts of geno-

cide, including charges that he is responsible for the deaths of thousands of non-Serbs during the 3 1/2-year Bosnian war. It also has filed two indictments against Mladic.

The tribunal has rejected earlier Bosnian Serb suggestions that the two be allowed to stand trial in the Bosnian Serb substate rather than

in The Hague.

Wednesday's offer was the first which Karadzic, who is in hiding, has said he is willing to be investigated before an actual trial. The tribunal was not expected to approve the latest offer either since it says has already built a solid case that needs no further investigation.

Police look to place blame after Di's death

PARIS (AP) — Picture-hungry paparazzi pushed away the first police officer to rush to the scene of the Princess Diana car wreck, police were quoted as saying Wednesday. But the photographers protested they are being turned into scapegoats.

"There is enormous government and public pressure," Jacques Langevin, a photographer being investigated in the case, told The Associated Press.

Another photographer, one of the first on the scene, said he opened the car door hoping to help.

"I saw the princess sitting on the floor, her back to me," Romuald told France-2 television. "I said in English to stay calm, that I was there, that help would arrive." Doctors later said she was unconscious.

But now, Rat's boss said, "a total injustice" is being done to the photographer through the criminal investigation.

Langevin, Rat, four other photographers and a photo-agent motorcyclist are under investigation on allegations of manslaughter and failing to aid an accident victim, a crime under French law, the deaths of Diana, her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and their driver, killed when their car crashed at high speed in a tunnel along the Seine River early Sunday.

Driver Henri Paul, who blood tests indicated was drunk, apparently had been trying to elude celebrity photographers following on motorcycles. Paul was an employee of the Ritz Hotel, owned by Fayed's father, Mohamed Al Fayed.

The Paris daily Le Monde reported Diana's family and the British royal family are considering joining the case as civil parties, which would give them representation in court and access to documents. A lawyer for the elder Fayed has said he also would join the case.

In central London on Wednesday, thousands of mourners thronged the royal palaces for the fourth straight day, depositing flowers and other remembrances on sidewalks, and waiting patiently for hours in line to sign books of condolence at St. James's Palace, where Diana's coffin lay inside a close chapel, awaiting Saturday's funeral at Westminster Abbey.

Fearing an unmanageable crush of crowds Saturday, Buckingham Palace extended the funeral procession route by more than two miles. It will now start from Kensington Palace, Diana's home.

The royal family issued a statement saying it was "deeply touched and enormously grateful" for the nation's response. Some had criticized the Windsors for their stony near-silence in public since the tragedy.

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