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DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Tens of thousands of and the militias to deport East Timorese forcibly to refugees fled the capital of East Timor yesterday as pro-Indonesia militias continued a wave of terror, torching homes and reportedly slaughtering hun-

World leaders indignantly called for Indonesia to make good on its pledge to provide security in the provincial capital, Dili. But witnesses said Indonesian troops were aiding the militias and trying to intimidate journalists and U.N. workers into fleeing the territory.

For the first time, a senior Indonesian official acknowledged the breakdown in security.

"The situation remains out of control," Gen. Rus-

manhadi, chief of national police said in the Indonesian capital of Jakarta. "The government there is no longer functioning.

The city spiraled into chaos after the announcement Saturday that East Timorese had voted overwhelmingly in favor of independence from Indonesia in a U.N.-supervised referendum.

Bands of pro-Indonesian militia set houses ablaze, fired rocketpropelled grenades and bazookas and shouted through megaphones for those remain-

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ing in the city to get out. Witnesses said both militiamen and Indonesian troops loaded people onto trucks and sent them to West Timor, an Indonesian province that shares the

island with East Timor. 'There is very clear evidence of collusion between elements of the [Indonesian] security forces

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West Timor and elsewhere," Mary Robinson, U.N. high commissioner for human rights, said. "An integral part of this campaign is to terrorize the population with the most gruesome abuses of their fundamental rights.

Portuguese President Jorge Sampaio said the U.N. Security Council was responsible for the deteriorating situation.

'The international community, which knows how to intervene in cases of serious human rights violations, must adopt the same measure under the threat of witnessing a people's genocide," he said. Indonesia invaded the former Portuguese

colony of East Timor in 1975 and has held onto it in an iron grip ever since. It is estimated that 200,000 civilians were killed in the last 25 years.

Refugees streamed into West Timor at a rate of 1,000 per hour mittee of the Red Cross said in Geneva. Some 25,000 people had already been forced from the capital, it said.

Pro-Indonesian killed more than 170 people Monday, according to the East Timorese International Support Center, based in Darwin, Australia.

Witnesses reported seeing soldiers escort militiamen during an attack on thousands of refugees hiding in the home of Bishop Carlos Belo, East Timor's spiritual leader and the winner of the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize.

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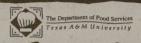
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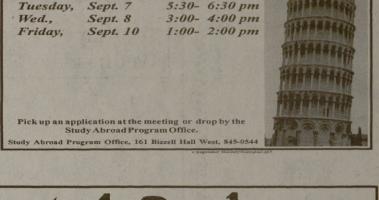
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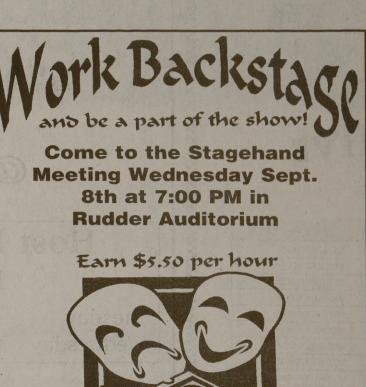


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