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U.N. workers to stay in East Tim

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — The United Nations heeded the pleas of East Timorese refugees yesterday and delayed the evacuation of its mission to the Indonesian province, fearing the withdrawal could end in mass bloodshed

More than 2,000 people have crowded into the U.N. compound in Dili, the provincial capital. Many said pro-Indonesian militias would kill them if the U.N. workers left.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the pullout of the remaining 206 international officials and 167 East Timorese working for the world body would be delayed 24 hours. He also said he is trying to keep a small U.N. presence in the violence-torn province to protect innocent civilians.

The move came after the U.N. workers announced plans to flee Dili this morning.

Violence in East Timor exploded in the wake of an Aug. 30 U.N.-supervised referendum, in which the East Timorese overwhelmingly voted

then, Indonesian troops and their proxies have been looting houses, shooting people and driving others out in an apparent effort to punish the populace and subvert independence.

"It will be a holocaust here. They will simply kill all of us as soon as [U.N. workers] leave."

- Pro-independence student leader

Witnesses who ventured into the streets yesterday said Indonesian soldiers were "looting everything in sight," carrying furniture out of abandoned houses and loading it onto trucks.

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"It will be the holocaust here" if leave, said a prominent student leader pound, who declined to be identific retribution." They will simply kill all as vou leave.

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presidents and attended a Caldwell r Again and again, 'klatsch,' promised peace.

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A peace treaty signed • Aggiesh July ended eight years war in exchange for a sharing government that Naval Aca ed the rebels.

Sankoh promised to ret to Sierra Leone. Two mont he is still promising.

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Sankoh has said he will battalion. to Sierra Leone once his m features r but diplomats and govern ficials worry he may - yel stretch out his absence.

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