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ternational pressure, Indonesia announced yester-day it would allow an international peacekeeping curity. We can wait no longer. We force to restore order to the devas-

However, it was unclear what type of force would be sent to the territory and how soon it would arrive.

tated territory of East Timor.

Until now Jakarta — and particularly its hard-line military — had defiantly refused to permit outside forces into the former Portuguese colony, insisting as late as Saturday night that it could quell the violence itself

However, that stance crumpled under pressure from governments around the world horrified by the slaughter sweeping East Timor.

In a national television address, President B.J. Habibie said he wanted to end the crisis that began Aug. 30, when East Timor voted to become independent from Indonesia. That kicked off rampages by pro-Indonesian militias and Indonesian troops that have killed hundreds, perhaps thousands, of East Timorese.

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## Pope calls for aid for attack victims

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Condemning what he described as furious attacks on the Catholic church in East Timor, Pope John Paul II called yesterday for Indonesia and the international community to rush to the aid of defenseless victims.

The pope's appeal - delivered from the balcony of his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, in the hills outside Rome - was a strong denunciation of the violence that has convulsed predominantly Catholic East Timor since it voted last month tacks by militiamen.

for independence from largely Muslim Indonesia.

Diplomats have pushed for an international force to restore peace in the former Portuguese colony.

"My thoughts go anew to East Timor, where brutal violence continues and there are furious attacks also against the Catholic church. builder, not just as of today, of dialogue and reconciliation," the pope said, his voice sounding weary.

Catholic missionaries in East Timor have been reporting killings of priests and parishioners in atto be sen

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