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# U.N. personnel pull out of East Timor mission

## Militias loot compound following evacuation

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian soldiers looted the abandoned U.N. mission in East Timor yesterday, just hours after 110 U.N. personnel and 1,300 East Timorese were evacuated and flown to safety to end a 10-day siege.

Office equipment and computers were carted away and vehicles were trashed by the soldiers — "the very people we asked to secure the compound when U.N. staff moved to the Australian consulate," U.N. spokesperson Fred Eckhard said in New York.

There were reports yesterday that the compound was also torched, but Eckhard said he was told that it was not the compound but a small house nearby that had been burned.

The remaining U.N. staff members, holed up in the Australian consulate, reported that a black plume of smoke was rising from the direction of the compound in the provincial capital of Dili, Fernando del Mundo, spokesperson for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Jakarta, said.

The staff feared their headquarters had been set ablaze by pro-Indonesian militiamen, he said.

The dozen U.N. personnel who stayed behind in Dili were to prepare the way for an international peace-keeping force, the makeup of which was being negotiated by Indonesian and U.N. officials yesterday.

But time appeared to be running out, with more than 200,000 East Timorese risking starvation be-

cause they are cut off from supplies and drinking water, an agency said yesterday.

About 7,000 people have been killed and 100,000 have been forcibly relocated to West Timor since anti-independence and Indonesian soldiers followed a rampage of violence following the province's vote Aug. 30 to secede away from Indonesia, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights said.

While it is impossible to determine the number killed in the past few days, previous estimates have ranged from 600 to 7,000.

Two students were wounded by plastic bullets after the crowd chased two police cars and set an army vehicle.

# Clinton releases photograph for environmental research

QUEENSTOWN, New Zealand (AP) — President Clinton, stressing a need to protect the world's environment, is releasing previously classified satellite images of Antarctica to help scientists chart global climate change.

The images include two sets of detailed pictures from the early 1970s and 1980s, and are intended to give scientists a baseline for environmental studies and a new source of information about the area's land, water and glaciers.

On the final day of a five-day visit to New Zealand, the president was announcing his action today during a visit to Christ church, the jumping-off point for American expeditions to Antarctica. He was being introduced by Sir Edmund Hillary.



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Hillary was the first person to make a land-landing of Antarctica in 1958. Hillary and sherpa Tenzing Norgay were the first men to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1953.

On the first leg of his trip, the president spent several days in Auckland for meetings with Asian leaders at the annual summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. He took a day off yesterday in Queenstown to play golf before a state visit with Prime Minister Jenny Shipley. Some members of Clinton's entourage were to play bungee jumping and jet boating.

Before Clinton's arrival, Shipley was preparing for a state visit by Chinese President Jiang Zemin. Clinton was the first president to visit New Zealand since 1966. The United States and New Zealand have warm ties despite a breach caused by the president's decision in the mid 1980s to bar nuclear-powered warships from New Zealand waters.

# Barak to continue nuclear policy

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ehud Barak will not consider dismantling Israel's nuclear weapons as long as regional hostilities persist and will not permit an international inspection of the Dimona nuclear reactor, an Israeli newspaper reported yesterday.

The daily Haaretz published excerpts from a letter by the head of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission, Gideon Frank, saying that "progress in the area of arms control and disarmament can come about only through political accommodation and reconciliation" in the region.

The Aug. 9 letter was addressed to the International Atomic Energy Agency. Barak's aides were not immediately available for comment.

Israel has never publicly acknowledged possessing nuclear weapons, saying only that it would not be the first to introduce them in the Middle East.

In recent years, the secrecy has been lifted somewhat. In 1996, then-Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Israel began pursuing a nuclear capability in the 1950s to prevent more wars. Western intelligence reports said the country is the only nuclear

power in the Mideast and has a significant stockpile.

The nuclear issue, which raised in July meetings between Barak and President Clinton, remains a sore point amid other warming relations between the two nations.

Israel has resisted U.S. requests that it join the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which would require inspection of the facility in southern town of Dimona.

Last year, Barak's predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu, agreed to join talks on a treaty banning the manufacture of material to make nuclear weapons.



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