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## Putin consoles families

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin flew to an Arctic naval base Tuesday to console the families of 118 sailors killed in a submarine accident, but the gesture barely alleviated the nation's crushing grief and anger at the bungled rescue effort.

Former submariners wept in the streets as Russia mourned with striking openness over the loss of the Kursk, which suffered a massive explosion and sank to the Barents Sea floor Aug. 12. Candles were lit in Russian Orthodox churches, and condolences poured in from around the world.

Putin, dressed in all black, was greeted in Murmansk by somber, exhausted navy officials, then visited a nearby area where 400 relatives of the sailors are quartered. The families heard almost no official information about the rescue operation, relying on television for even the most basic news — including the announcement Monday that their sons and husbands were dead.

Putin — who has been sharply criticized for taking so long to show concern for the crew — was expected to go later to the ship that led the rescue effort and throw a wreath into the sea where the sailors are entombed in their wrecked submarine, 350 feet below.

Dazed relatives demanded to be taken to the site, too. The navy was considering the plea.

Emma Yevdokimova, whose son Oleg was a cook on the Kursk, wept uncontrollably as she recalled how he helped her prepare the holiday dinner last New Year's Eve.

"When they offered him to join the Kursk, he was so glad," she said on Russia's RTR television. "He was so good. He still is," she said, collapsing into tears as she added, "I still don't believe that he drowned."

Russians have assailed Putin for not canceling a vacation more quickly when the sub sank and the military for resisting foreign help.

Trying to divert the public anger, the besieged military has tried to lay blame on its former Cold War enemies — claiming the Kursk collided with a Western sub. The United States and Britain have denied having any vessels nearby and Norwegian divers who saw the wreck said there was no sign of a collision.

The top brass has a lot to explain. The media has blasted them for trying to hush up the disaster, then lying about it. Public anger increased when Norwegian divers quickly succeeded in opening the hatch Monday, after days of failed attempts by Russian rescue capsules to reach the submarine. It was the Norwegians who determined there were no survivors.

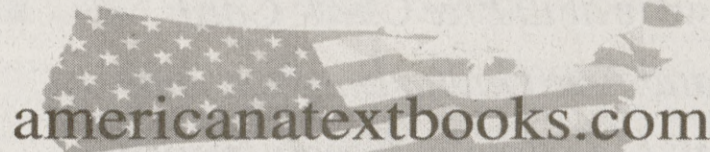
The world joined in Russia's grieving. British sailors and rescuers who had come to help in the operation but were never needed held a brief memorial service for the crew, throwing a small bouquet of flowers into the sea as they left the site of the tragedy.

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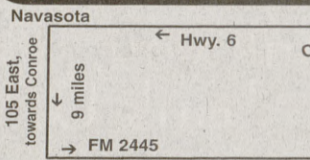
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## Peace deal threatens Burundi

### Pressure to sign agreement may lead to opposition

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) — Lending his prestige to a faltering peace process, President Clinton travels to Africa next week to witness an agreement aimed at ending seven years of civil war in Burundi.

But as Nelson Mandela struggles to get Tutsi and Hutu leaders to accept a peace deal they say they are not ready for, militants on both sides say that for them any peace deal will be a declaration of war.

President Pierre Buyoya has pleaded with the former South African president to extend an Aug. 28 deadline for signing an agreement. Without a cease-fire from Hutu rebels, the retired Tutsi major has had little luck convincing war-weary Burundians of a peace agreement's merits.

On Monday, Buyoya warned Tutsi hard-liners who oppose the peace deal not to try to stage a coup against him, a remarkable statement that revealed his vulnerability and his uncertainty of support from the Tutsi-dominated army.

Buyoya also canceled a trip to meet Mandela in South Africa on Tuesday. Instead, he stayed home to chair a cabinet meeting ahead of his trip to Arusha, Tanzania, for next Monday's signing ceremony, spokesman Apollinaire Gahuzi said.

With Clinton scheduled to attend, Buyoya is loath to boycott the ceremony and snub such an important world leader.

"It seems as if the mediator is reluctant to postpone the signing of a peace agreement," Buyoya said Monday, adding that if he did not sign, "Mandela will see this as a sign of disrespect and that we, the Burundians, do not want peace."

The 19 political and special interest groups represented at the talks

have been meeting for more than two years. Although the key facilitator, Tanzanian judge Mark Bomani, says they have agreed on more than 100 topics, several key problems remain.

Mandela's draft proposal calls for power-sharing in the army, government and parliament, free elections after three years of transition and an amnesty for those responsible for more than 200,000 deaths since the war began in 1993.

But the two main actors — the Hutu rebels and the Tutsi-dominated army — have been unable to agree on a cease-fire or the future of the army.

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— Pierre Buyoya  
Burundian president

Buyoya, Hutu politicians and Tutsi opposition leaders cannot agree on a transitional president. Buyoya wants the job for himself but does not necessarily meet the qualifications because of he is widely believed to have been involved in the 1993 assassination of Burundi's first democratically elected president, a Hutu.

The United States has no stated national interest in Burundi, a small tea- and coffee-growing nation, but wants to see an end to the humanitarian

disaster in which more than a million Hutus live as refugees in Tanzania. Many Tutsis are forced to spend nights in army-protected camps.

The U.S. government donated \$35 million in aid last year alone, gave an extra \$1 million to fund the Arusha negotiations in the hope of stabilizing the region. Only years ago in neighboring Rwanda more than 500,000 Tutsis were killed in massacres orchestrated by the nation's extremist Hutu government.

Buyoya says he could sign Monday if pressured by Mandela but only on the points already agreed upon. He wants to leave the cease-fire and leadership issues for later.

But on Tuesday, those points supposedly already worked out were suddenly called into question when the 10 Tutsi political parties jointly called for the accord to be completely renegotiated and refused to sign.

The seven Hutu political parties have agreed in principle to sign if they have little or no influence over the rebels.

With the signing date approaching and Buyoya wavering, the Hutu rebels have launched a series of organized attacks aimed at military targets. In the last three weeks, ambushes have killed 27 army soldiers coming home from a basketball game and a top military commander's escort returning from the capital.

The attacks have led to military reprisals in Hutu villages around the capital, and the fighting has hardened the army's reluctance to share power.

Tutsi hardline leaders have refused to take part in the negotiations, saying they will not deal with Hutu rebel and political leaders who have blood on their hands.

### News in Brief

#### Mitsubishi recalls 88,000 vehicles

TOKYO (AP) — For years, employees at Mitsubishi Motors Corp. tucked consumer complaints about auto defects in a special place, a file known as "H," an abbreviation for a Japanese word for something.

The complaints by Japanese consumers were never reported to authorities — they stayed filed, awaiting clarification, explanation or documentation that usually never came.

The defects, including failing brakes, fuel leaks, malfunctioning clutches and fuel tanks prone to falling off, were fixed on a case-by-case basis to avoid any humiliating recalls.

As it announced another recall Tuesday affecting 88,000 cars and trucks, half of them in the United States, Mitsubishi acknowledged the long-time cover-ups.

In documents submitted to the government, the automaker said the practice dated back to 1977 and was carried out without the full knowledge of world managers, and even one customer board member.

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