3,000 left homeless from Hurricane Hugo

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - Hurricane Hugo expected to hit the Virgin Islands Sunday night lashed the resort islands of the northeastern Caribbean with 140 mph winds Sunday, tearing off roofs, knocking out communications and reportedly leaving 3,000 people homeless.

The region's most powerful storm in a dec-ade then swept toward the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Both governments mobilized the National Guard, and residents rushed for last-minute supplies and taped and boarded windows.

At 3 p.m. EDT, Hugo's center was located near latitude 17 north and longitude 63.6 west, about 185 miles east-southeast of San Juan, said the National Weather Service in Florida.

The storm caused widespread damage early Sunday as it passed near the island of Guadaloupe, where 80 people were reported injured. Damage also was reported on the islands of Martinique, Antigua and Dominica.

The storm was moving at 12 mph and was

and Puerto Rico this morning, the National Weather Service said.

In San Juan, the Port Authority announced that it was closing the Munoz Marin International Airport to all flights at 6 p.m. It said all international carriers had removed their planes from Puerto Rico except for one American Airlines A300 left behind for emergencies.

The Virgin Islands' population is 106,000 and Puerto Rico has 3.3 million people.

Civil defense officials said up to 15,000 people could be evacuated from flood-prone areas of western Puerto Rico, and hundreds had already been moved into a sports stadium in Mayaguez, the island's third-biggest city.

National Guardsmen and volunteers drove through San Juan, the capital, on Sunday issuing emergency instructions over loudspeakers.

First reports indicated that the French island of Guadeloupe, the most southerly of the Leeward Islands, was the hardest hit of the string of islands forming a 600-mile arc from the Leewards to the Greater Antilles.

Jocelyne Vandvurdenghe, a French government official in Martinique, said 80 people were reported injured in Guadeloupe. There were no immediate reports of deaths, she said.

Hugo slammed into Guadeloupe, which has a population of 337,000, shortly after midnight, downing power lines and blacking out the island's 30,700 telephones, state radio and television and telex service.

State television in Martinique, Guadeloupe's sister island, said 3,000 people were left homeless. The report could not be con-

Officials said many houses and buildings were damaged. The eye of the storm passed over St. Francois, a major tourist area on the eastern end of the island.

The mayor of the village of St. Francois, Ernest Moutoussamy, said on Guadeloupe's radio station Radio Caraibe Internationale that "There's nothing left of St. Francois.

"Aside from a few houses, almost all the rest were destroyed," he said, adding that several tourist hotels, notably the Meridien, suffered serious damage.

Martinique's La Meynard Hospital was sending a team of 10 doctors to Guadeloupe, and the French government was flying in communications experts.

Norman Wathey, a broadcaster on the Dutch and French island of St. Maarten, said the hurricane was passing south of the island and there were reports of many blown-off roofs, uprooted trees and downed utility lines.

He said ham radio reports monitored in St. Maarten indicated Hugo caused widespread flooding and property damage in Antigua, about 35 miles north of Guadeloupe.

Telecommunications to Montserrat, another island in Hugo's path, were cut and damage reports were unavailable.

Ukrainian Catholics demand legal status by Gorbachev

MOSCOW - Tens of thousands of Ukrainian Catholics gathered on Sunday for the biggest religious service since their church was outlawed four decades ago and demanded that Mikhail S. Gorbachev window to commenorate the million who died and Stelling and S

grant them legal status.

The two-hour outdoor Mass in the Ukrainian city of Lvov, which Western witnesses said drew up to 100,000 people, carne on the 50th anniversary of the dictator Josef Stalin's annexation of the western Ukraine from Poland.

Ukrainian activists carrying candles lined up at dusk in the cobblestoned streets of the city of 650,000 to mourn the anniversary of the Soviet takeover, said Ana-toly Dotsenko, a Moscow-based member of the Ukrainian Helsinki Group that monitors human rights

abuses in the republic.

The action was designed to mirror Aug. 23 demonstrations in the three Butic republics in which more than 1 million Estonians, Lithuanians and Latvians joined hands to protest the annexation of their lands.

electricity and put a candle in the window to commemorate the mil-lions who died under Stalinist re-pression," Ukrainian Catholic ac-tivist Ivan Gel told the worshipers in Lvov. "Those candles will also symbolize the great hopes we have for our one, our dear Ukraine

"The time has come for free-dom for our church," declared Gel, head of the Committee in Defense of the Ukrainian Catholic

The Ukrainians carried at least 300 blue-and-yellow flags of their once independent homeland,

along with crosses, images of the Virgin Mary and banners reading "freedom for our church."

The outdoor service under an overcast sky was only the latest sign of reviving nationalist consciousness in the Soviet Union's second-most populous republic thuanians and Latvians joined second-most populous republic, ands to protest the annexation of where a new grassroots pro-de-eir lands.

The Baltics and the western its founding congress last week.

Iran threatens to fight for land

NICOSTA, Cyprus -- Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani said Sunday that if Iraq does not relinquish Iranian territory it seized in the last days of the Persian Gulf war, his country "will make it retreat by force.

It was the toughest statement made by an Iranian leader since a cease-fire in the eight-year war took effect Aug. 20, 1988.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Rafsanjani as telling commanders of Iran's Revolutionary Guards: "We have no territorial ambitions, but we will not cede one inch of our Islamic land.'

Rafsanjani did not give Iraq a deadline but said, "We will be patient as far as possible." His com-

BUDAPEST, Hungary -- East German and Czechoslovak authorities have begun seizing passports to

stop the flood of refugees fleeing to

the West, East German emigres said

Hungary's foreign minister,

meanwhile, defended his country's

decision to aid the immigrant exodus and said the Warsaw Pact should

stick to military defense and not dic-

tate ideology or foreign policy to its

ments to commanders of the para- cease-fire took effect. military Revolutionary Guards were carried by the official Islamic Republic News Agency in a report monitored in Nicosia

"It will be very easy for us to regain our land," said Rafsanjani, who was elected July 28. He made clear Iran will not make any concessions to break a deadlock in peace talks that began more than a year ago.

The Iranians insist there can be no advance in the talks until the Iraqis withdraw from Iranian soil.

Iran claims the Iraqis hold 1,028 square miles of Iranian border territory. U.N. observers say the Iraqis hold 386 square miles.

The land was captured in a series of Iraqi offensives shortly before the

E. Germans try to stop exodus to West

In West Germany, officials said they registered 1,400 new East Ger-

man refugees during the weekend,

bringing to more than 16,000 the

number of East Germans who have

arrived since Hungary threw open its

East German officials have said

they would not crack down on visas

for citizens wishing to visit Hungary.

borders to the West one week ago.

Those military setbacks were a key factor in forcing Tehran to accept the U.N. cease-fire resolution.
"Iran is not seeking any illogical

concession from Iraq, just as it will not make any concessions to the enemy, even if the present situation lasts 10 years," Rafsanjani said at the Revolutionary Guards' commanders annual conference in Tehran.

"If one day we become certain that the enemy is not willing to return our land, we will make it retreat by force," he declared.

Rafsanjani said Iran has no desire to resume the war, which by Western military estimates killed more than 1 million people. Iran was believed to have suffered losses three times as heavy as Iraq.

"More and more people are tell-ing us that their visas are being taken from them," said Wolfgang Wagner,

head of the West German Maltese Aid Service. "Some have told me

that state security had come to their

man and Czechoslovak trains and

returned home, Wagner said in an

Others were forced off East Ger-

apartments to take the visas.

Afghan guerrillas reject royalty

Bombs explode in Colombia

U.S. faces flood of Soviet, other refugees

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan -- Radical Afghan fundamentalist guerrillas warned Sunday they will assassinate their country's ousted king if he tries to head a postwar government in

rebel backer, met with the exiled king

BOGOTA, Colombia -- Three bombs exploded Sunday in the drug-

infested city of Cali, killing a security guard, and a newspaper that has cru-saded against Colombia's cocaine

barons said one of its reporters was

contender reportedly urged that no

more drug traffickers be extradited to

doors of the Soviet Union have opened after 20 years of American

knocking, the United States is faced

with the dilemma of handling an

unprecedented surge of Soviet

Meanwhile, a top presidential

slain by thugs

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spokesman for the hard-line Hezb-i-Islami party run by anti-American Gulbaddin Hekmatyar. mujahedeen (holy warriors) will not let Zahir Shah come to Afghani-

The threat comes after reports that an envoy of the United States, a major chief of staff told reporters Moscow appears ready to abandon its ally, in Rome, where he has lived since his Afghan President Najib, and, in a nephew grabbed power in a 1973 departure from previous Pakistan "He takes a very grave risk of being shot," said Nawab Salim, the Afghan Communist Party. stances, recommended the resistance

The bombings in Cali occurred shortly after midnight at two banks

and a shopping center, said Col. Rozo

Julio Navarro, chief of the national police force in Cali.

The city of 1 million people about 185 miles southwest of Bogota is the

headquarters for one of Colombia's

two cocaine cartels. The other is in

the northwest city of Medellin.

Soldiers continue to battle

triarch voiced support for a new Arab

League committee.

He delivered a letter to President committee. warring sides continued to battle Sunday as mediators struggled to implement a truce.

Only Christian Gen. Michel Aoun has not commented on the plan, apparently undecided about provisions to halt his weapons supply and its failure to demand a Syrian troop withdrawal.

'Police said one person was killed and 14 wounded in and around Beirut.'

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interview. A growing number were forced to swim the Danube "or find But refugees and charity workers at camps in Hungary said travel docu-ments were in fact being seized. other illegal means of coming here,' he said.

Moslems, Christians support Arab peace plan BEIRUT, Lebanon -- Moslem ers on implementing the peace plan Lebanon under an Arab League leaders and Lebanon's Christian pa- announced Saturday by an Arab peacekeeping mandate.

Hafez Assad from King Fahd of

and 14 wounded in night-long artillery clashes in and around Beirut that subsided into intermittent machinegun exchanges at dawn. That raised the toll to at least 915 killed and 2,699 wounded since the latest fighting erupted March 8.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Saud Faisal, arrived unexpectedly Sunday in the Syrian capital, Damascus, for talks with Syrian lead-

The Arab League committee Morocco and President Chadli Bendjedid of Algeria appealed ur-gently Saturday for an immediate Saudi Arabia, according to officials who would not disclose its contents. He then met with Vice President Abdul-Halim Khaddam, architect of cease-fire.

Its several previous calls for a Syria's 1976 military intervention in truce have been ignored.

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Critics charge the administration's response, as presented this week on Capitol Hill after seven months of deliberations, is inadequate, unimaginative and risks miss-

WASHINGTON -- Now that the ing a historic opportunity.

Some say the U.S. government could learn a thing or two from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's open door policy.

The administration argues it is doing its best in the face of shrinking budgets and the problem of dealing with 14 million refugees worldwide, many of whom would like to move to the United States.