

Relief seekers targeted as Serbs continue killing

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs massacred civilians and blocked U.N. efforts to evacuate 1,500 sick and wounded people Tuesday as they overran a Muslim enclave in eastern Bosnia, according to U.N. officials.

Serbs were "plundering, killing and burning," said Lyndall Sachs, a U.N. spokeswoman, with tanks rumbling through the smoldering ruins of villages where American pilots had dropped thousands of meals the day before.

The food mostly fell into Serb hands, according to the Pentagon, while some 10,000 people it was meant to feed fled into the icy mountains. Some Muslims trying to collect aid reportedly were picked off by snipers, said another U.N. spokesman.

At U.N. peace talks in New York, Bosnia's Muslim president called holding the negotiations "incompatible" with the Serb assault, although he did not pull out of the bogged-down discussions.

Serbs later proposed disputed areas of Bosnia be placed under temporary U.N. protection.

U.N. officials said "a massacre is taking place," as Serb fighters in the Cerska and neighboring Srebrenica area were killing women and children. Bosnian radio reported 500 civilians killed and about 15 villages set ablaze since the Serbian assault began Sunday.

U.S. fliers made more drops Tuesday, parachuting 21,312 meals and half a ton of medical supplies over Zepa, 18 miles southwest of Cerska.



Standoff continues; death count rising

Newspaper reports at least seven cult members are dead

WACO, Texas — An armed religious cult's leader said he would surrender Tuesday and end a siege that has killed at least six, but the standoff dragged on well into its third day and negotiations continued.

A newspaper reported Tuesday that the death toll from Sunday night's raid at the Branch Davidian compound may be at least 11. Authorities have said four federal agents and at least two people inside the compound were killed.

The Houston Chronicle, quoting unidentified sources, reported that children released from the compound said at least seven people inside were killed in the firefight. The newspaper, in its afternoon editions, also said agents believed they had killed as many as 15 people.

A state source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he had heard that seven cult members had died and up to 40 people had been wounded. Officials have said about 75 people were in the compound, but cult leader David Koresh has claimed more.

In a 58-minute taped statement broadcast Tuesday on Texas radio stations at the FBI's request, the cult leader said: "I, David Koresh, agree upon the broadcasting of this tape to come out peacefully with all the people immediately."

"Even a man like Christ has to

meet with unbelief," said Koresh, 33, who thinks he's Jesus.

"I'm sure you're all aware of how I'm involved in a very serious thing right now. I am really concerned about the lives of my brethren here and also really concerned even greater about the lives of all those in this world."

Coaches and other military vehicles moved nearer within minutes of the broadcast's start. About two hours after the broadcast ended, there was no indication Koresh had surrendered.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms abruptly canceled a midafternoon news conference with a one-sentence statement saying the standoff wasn't over. The siege began Sunday morning as about 100 ATF agents raided the compound, seeking to serve firearms violations warrants on Koresh, and gun battles erupted. Among those reportedly killed in the raid was Koresh's 2-year-old daughter.

Koresh told a radio station he had been gravely wounded Sunday.

Koresh began letting children out late Sunday after a station agreed to broadcast a statement by him. Before Koresh's radio statement, eight more children left the compound Tuesday, bringing the number of children released to 16. Two women also left, the first adults to leave the compound voluntarily.

Sunday's assault had been planned for months but failed when the agents encountered overwhelming firepower, including at least one .50-caliber machine gun.

Officials investigate van pieces, terrorists for clues to bombing

\$200,000 reward offered for leads in bombers' arrest

NEW YORK — Investigators combing the World Trade Center bombing site said Tuesday they were focusing on terrorist groups, including a Palestinian organization that allegedly threatened to set off a bomb here a month ago.

"We're looking at several groups. I wouldn't want to name the groups.

I'd probably leave some out," said James Fox, head of the FBI's New York office.

Pieces of a van were recovered from the garage where the bomb went off Friday, although Fox's office wouldn't comment further on a reported link between the vehicle and the blast that killed at least five people.

The names of two groups came up in response to questions at the news conference: the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, an extremist Palestinian group, and Hamas, a Mus-

lim fundamentalist group that has opposed negotiations with Israel.

FBI spokesman Joe Valiquette said the investigation wasn't focused on a single group.

While investigators searched for clues and suspects, authorities offered a \$200,000 reward, the biggest in city history, for information leading to the bombers' arrest and conviction.

Four days after the blast, one man believed lost in the explosion suddenly resurfaced. Another person remained missing.

Yeltsin vows extreme steps in showdown

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin mustered his political allies Tuesday before a showdown with Russia's hard-line Congress, and said he was willing to take "extreme steps" to save his reforms.

Yeltsin solemnly told a gathering of about 80 lawmakers and members of reformist factions in his second lobbying appearance this week that "the democrats alone cannot pull out this heavy cart."

He urged supporters to forge ties with other political groups before the next Congress of People's Deputies, the nation's highest legislative body.

The session probably will open March 10, he said. The most chilling part of Yeltsin's speech was his

warning that hard-line forces planned to assert their power through the Communist-dominated Congress to further weaken his government.

If they succeed, "these forces will bring about a reversal of the reforms to which people already have become accustomed," Yeltsin said. "If forces that can destroy Russia appear, extreme steps will have to be taken to save the country, reforms and democracy."

Former Yeltsin adviser Galina Starovoitova said later that Yeltsin was referring to the introduction of direct presidential rule. If supported by the military, Yeltsin could bypass Congress and rule by decree.

But Starovoitova said a move to

impose presidential rule could fail "because the army, KGB and Interior Ministry are not devoted enough to the president that he could count on their support."

Yeltsin successfully resisted the August 1991 coup, in part, because these security organs refused to obey Kremlin hard-liners who seized power.

Starovoitova also cast doubt on how strongly the Russian people would back their president.

"The president's support is not so great as it was two or three years ago when he could appeal to the people and count on victory," she said.

Asked if he would succeed at taking extreme steps, Yeltsin told reporters: "I'm a brave man."

NBC News president resigns after recent fiery controversies

Rigged collision on NBC's 'Dateline' led to his leaving

NEW YORK — Michael Gartner resigned as president of NBC News on Tuesday, less than a month after the network apologized for rigging a fiery truck crash near an Indiana corn field.

"Concern over recent NBC News broadcasts continues to consume a great deal of energy and attention within the NBC News organization," Gartner said in a written statement.

"For that reason, and because I have accomplished much of what I set out to do when I accepted this position, I have decided to make this change," said Gartner, 54, who became NBC News' president Aug. 1, 1988.

He said he was immediately relinquishing day-to-day control to executive vice president Don Browne and would leave on Aug. 1, his fifth anniversary in the job.

Two sources at NBC, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the network had demanded Gartner's resignation, but he insisted through a

spokeswoman that he was leaving voluntarily.

Gartner was a successful Iowa newspaperman, editor of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, and a former Page One editor of The Wall Street Journal when he was tapped to head NBC News.

His mission was to cut costs, but after a year in the job, NBC was reportedly ready to dismiss him. According to Ken Auletta's study of network TV, "Three Blind Mice," Gartner kept his job only because NBC's leading candidate didn't want it.

Gartner's critics pointed to his staff layoffs, the closing of foreign bureaus, NBC's botched initial coverage of the San Francisco earthquake, his decision to name the alleged victim in the William Kennedy Smith rape trial and his greenlighting the cheesy tabloid-style "I Witness Video."

The final blow came on Feb. 9, when "Dateline NBC," the network's first successful prime time news magazine, had to apologize on-air for rigging a fiery pickup truck crash for a Nov. 17 report on the safety of General Motors "sidesaddle" gas tanks.

Alternative TAN Everything tanning should be. 48th & R, Centro Plaza 466-1201

SUITES LOUNGE & OFF SALES 2137 Cornhusker WE HAVE A BREW FOR YOU! 12 IMPORT/SPECIALTY BEERS BASS BECKS HARP GUINNESS HEINEKEN WATNEYS NEW CASTLE BROWN WHITBREAD MOOSEHEAD FOSTERS KILLIANS RED ANCHOR STEAM EVERY WEDNESDAY Any Import Draw \$1.25

Interested in an International Assignment? The Mennonite Central Committee, the social concerns organization for North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches, seeks committed Christian volunteers. Needed: health workers, agriculturists, teachers, community services workers and others. Meet with MCC representative Dana Neff at Alternative Career Day, Thursday March 4, 9:30-3:00 in the Nebraska Union, or hear him speak about MCC at First Mennonite Church (7300 Holdrege) March 3, 7:00 pm

Daily Nebraskan Editor Chris Hopfensperger 472-1766 Managing Editor Alan Phelps Assoc. News Editors Wendy Mott Tom Mainelli Editorial Page Editor Jeremy Fitzpatrick Wire Editor Todd Cooper Copy Desk Editor Kathy Steinauer Sports Editor John Adkisson Arts & Entertainment Editor Mark Baldridge Divisions Editor Kim Spurlock Photo Chief Kiley Timperley Night News Editors Stephanie Purdy Mike Lewis Steve Smith Lori Stones Scott Maurer Dan Shattil Katherine Policky Jay Cruise Bruce Kroese Karen Jackson Publications Board Chairman Doug Fiedler 436-7862 Professional Adviser Don Walton 473-7301 FAX NUMBER 472-1761 The Daily Nebraskan (USPS 144-080) is published by the UNL Publications Board, Nebraska Union 34, 1400 R St., Lincoln, NE. Monday through Friday during the academic year; weekly during summer sessions. Readers are encouraged to submit story ideas and comments to the Daily Nebraskan by phoning 472-1763 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The public also has access to the Publications Board. For information, contact Doug Fiedler, 436-7862. Subscription price is \$50 for one year. Postmaster: Send address changes to the Daily Nebraskan, Nebraska Union 34, 1400 R St., Lincoln, NE 68588-0448. Second-class postage paid at Lincoln, NE. ALL MATERIAL COPYRIGHT 1993 DAILY NEBRASKAN