



## SERBS' ARTILLERY AND MORTARS POUND SARAJEVO

Serbian gunners rained artillery and mortar shells on this besieged city almost without pause today in the heaviest bombardment in months, while Serbian and Bosnian Government forces clashed in the western suburbs and a hillside above the central city.

Today's shelling, which follows 48 hours of furious Serbian barrages, stretches the definition of the term "exchange of fire."

United Nations observers today counted 1,353 shell impacts on Government-controlled parts of Sarajevo, said a spokesman for the United Nations military force here, Maj. Manuel Cabezas. The observers counted 56 shell impacts on the Serbian side, he said.

Despite the intensity of the shelling, United Nations military observers reported that today's shelling killed 2 people and wounded 32.

But at least 33 have died and scores have been wounded in Sarajevo during the last five days; 15, including one woman in a Serb-held neighborhood, died on Monday alone.

At least one mortar round hit Sarajevo's airport runway this afternoon, prompting United Nations officials to close it to relief flights. United Nations military personnel at the airport reported that the shell was fired from Butmir, a suburb controlled by the army of the Muslim-dominated Bosnian Government, Major Cabezas said.

Sarajevo radio said it would be days before the city's electricity and water utilities would be restored after shelling on Tuesday knocked them out.

Bosnian media today also reported fierce clashes throughout the country, with shelling reported in Zenica, Tuzla, Olovo and other towns.

Talks in Vienna today between Bosnian and Croatian Government officials aimed at ending the fighting between the Muslim-led Bosnian Army and Croatian militia forces in central Bosnia produced another statement calling for a cease-fire.

The two sides also agreed to hold a meeting in Bonn on Saturday between President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia and President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia.

The next round of United Nations- and European Union-sponsored peace talks on the Bosnian conflict is scheduled to begin Jan. 18 in Geneva.

A co-chairman of the talks, Lord Owen, said in Vienna today that he was discouraged at the prospects for a peace settlement at the coming round of talks.

"For the moment there is much too much talk of continuing the fighting," Lord Owen told reporters before leaving for a meeting with Serbia's President, Slobodan Milosevic, in Belgrade.

## UN REINFORCEMENTS HEADED TO RWANDA

UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council unanimously approved a second deployment of United Nations peacekeeping forces to Rwanda, doubling the force of 1,260 already deployed there.

Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali called last month for additional peacekeeping troops to improve the prospects for peace agreements between the Rwandan Government, formed by the majority Hutu ethnic group, and the reb-

el Rwandese Patriotic Front, which includes Tutsi exiles who invaded the country from Uganda in 1991.

The Security Council established the peacekeeping mission for Rwanda in October to help end the civil war.

The Council had sought to reduce that force, but Mr. Boutros-Ghali said in a report issued on Dec. 30 that a reduction would affect the "performance" and "credibility" of the troops, which are

there to clear mines, monitor the repatriation of refugees and coordinate the delivery of foreign aid.

On Wednesday, President Juvénal Habyarimana, who has ruled the country since 1973, was sworn in as head of state for a 22-month transitional period that is supposed to lead to peace.

The deployment of additional United Nations troops could start within two weeks.



## 2 UN AGENCIES SHUT DOWN OFFICES IN SOMALIA'S CAPITAL

Two United Nations relief agencies evacuated their offices here today after a wave of new attacks on aid groups throughout Somalia.

Employees of the two agencies, the United Nations Development Program and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, left their shared compound two days after someone threw a firebomb at a nearby building. Lawrence Mgbangson, an official with the refugee agency, said the agencies had received further threats.

In a continuing sign of the dangers faced by people in Mogadishu, machine-gun fire could be heard near the line that divides the competing militias of southern and northern Mogadishu, although the source of the shooting could not be determined.

Confrontation With Crowd

Outside the compound that serves as command center for the 33,000 United Nations and United States soldiers in Somalia, Turkish guards backed by American troops held a tense face-off with a crowd of Somalis seeking work with the United Nations. The crowd, which had heard rumors that employment would be offered in the morning, grew restless and blocked the main road past the compound when jobs failed to materialize.

The Turks fired tear gas before moving armored personnel carriers and infantrymen into the street. The situation eventually settled down and the United Nations troops pulled back to their guard posts.

During the last few weeks, the city had been relatively calm as both Somalis and United Nations officials waited to see

what happened after March 31, when the American and most other Western United Nations troops pull out of the country.

At the same time, there have been a series of attacks on relief agencies, which often operate with armed Somali guards instead of United Nations military protection. In other attacks on United Nations agencies, three gunmen attacked a compound used by the World Food Program in the southern city of Baidoa on Saturday, killing a Somali guard and gravely wounding a Somali driver. The World Food Program has temporarily closed its offices in the western city of Bardera because its representative there had been beaten by local thugs.

## NEW UN COMMANDER FOR BOSNIA AND HERZGOVINA

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations announced today that, effective later this month, Lieut. Gen. Michael Rose of Britain would become the next commander of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

General Rose, 53, will replace the current commander, Lieut. Gen. Francis Briquemont, 58, of Belgium. The United Nations announced on Tuesday that General Briquemont had asked to be relieved of his post half way through his one-year tour.

## NATO's Low BOSNIA FLIGHTS FEED TALK ABOUT AIR STRIKES

NATO warplanes enforcing the no-flight zone over Bosnia and Herzegovina flew at unusually low altitudes over Sarajevo today, dropping flares used to thwart heat-seeking anti-aircraft missiles.

The flights coincided with growing discussion among NATO members of air strikes against Serbian positions. United Nations officials here refused to read anything into the low flights.

## SOMALIA RECEIVES NEW UN COMMANDER

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, -- Lieut. Gen. Aboo Samah Aboo Bakar of Malaysia has been appointed commander of United Nations operations in Somalia. General Aboo Samah, chief of the Malaysian Army's field command headquarters, will replace Lieut. Gen. Cervik Bir of Turkey, whose term expires on Jan. 20, the Malaysian Defense Minister, Najib Abdul Razak, said today.

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## EGYPT SAYS IT FOILED MILITANTS' ASSASSINATION PLOT

CAIRO - The Egyptian Government said today that it had foiled a plot by Muslim militants to kill 12 prominent Government officials and bomb eight Government buildings.

Interior Minister Hassan al-Alfi, who was wounded in an assassination attempt earlier this year, said in an interview with the newspaper Al Ahram that a raid on Wednesday by more than 2,000 police and paramilitary forces on an island in the Nile near the southern city of Asyut had resulted in the arrest of scores of suspects from the militant Islamic Group.

Mr. Alfi said the raid turned up maps and diagrams of the routes followed by several officials and some public figures who have attacked militant fundamentalist views. Backing From Abroad

Mr. Alfi said there was also evidence of financial support and contacts between the suspects and four other Middle East countries. He would not identify the targets of the plot or the countries involved.

The Islamic Group, Muslim fundamentalist organization led by the exiled Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, who faces charges in a conspiracy to blow up targets in New York, has been blamed for much of the violence against Government officials, tourists and Coptic Christians in the last 21 months that have taken some 280 lives.

An attack by the group on a tourist bus this week wounded eight Austrian tourists and eight Egyptians, dealing another blow to Egypt's tourist industry, which has been battered for nearly a year by cancellations because of the campaign of violence by Muslim militants. Attacks on Police Officers

The group had stepped up its campaign this month, mounting several attacks on police officers in southern Egypt that have resulted in 21 deaths.

"It seems the terrorist group decided to raise their activities to a peak on New Year's Eve," Mr. Alfi said in an interview with Al Ahram. He said that the Government had gathered evidence that several of the leading figures in the movement had received training and financial support from abroad.

Other Egyptian officials said the countries involved were Iran, Sudan, Afghanistan and Yemen, all of which have harbored Muslim militants working to destabilize the Algerian, Egyptian, Tunisian and Jordanian Governments as well as members of the fundamentalist Hamas movement in the Israeli-occupied territories and the Party of God in Lebanon. The United States has placed Iran and Sudan on its list of countries believed to harbor terrorists.

## UNITED NATIONS GENERAL IN BOSNIA RESIGNS POST

UNITED NATIONS — Just a week after he accused the United Nations of passing too many resolutions on Bosnia and sending too few troops, Lieut. Gen. Francis Briquemont of Belgium, the head of the peacekeeping forces, has asked to be relieved of his post.

Ahmad Fawzi, a United Nations spokesman, said General Briquemont, 58, who took over from Lieut. Gen. Philippe Morillon of France in July, would probably leave in January.

Mr. Fawzi said General Briquemont had cited personal reasons in asking to be re-

lieved. Mandate Confused  
As head of the United Nations peacekeepers, General Briquemont commands more than 12,000 troops. Although the Security Council has authorized the use of force if necessary to protect the delivery of food and other essentials, the troops have never fought a battle with any of the factions in Bosnia that have repeatedly delayed convoys.

"I don't read the Security Council resolutions any more because they don't help me," he said last week in an interview with Reuters. "The resolution contains beautiful words,

but it was a little bit of hypocrisy."

Discussing a European proposal to open new routes for aid, he said: "We asked for 4,000 men, four battalions, to do the job. At the end of the meeting, the results of the reinforcements was zero."

Mr. Fawzi said, "It must be frustrating for commanders in the field not to have the resources."

The Belgian Defense Minister, Leo Delacroix, said General Briquemont first mentioned his resignation on Dec. 10 because of the toll the job had taken on him.

## FOUR KILLED IN ATTACK ON CAPE TOWN PUB

CAPE TOWN — Callers saying they represented militant black groups claimed responsibility today for an attack Thursday night at a pub popular with university students in Cape Town in which at least four people were killed and five seriously wounded.

Hours after the assault by gunmen, in a mostly white section of the city, police found the getaway car abandoned in the Guguletu black township, where a white American student, Amy Biehl, was killed in a racial attack last August.

The South African Press Association received telephone calls from men saying that they represented the Azanian People's Liberation Army and the Azanian National Liberation Army. Each caller said his group was responsible. Both groups oppose sharing power with the white minority in South Africa.

The Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of the nationalist Pan Africanist Congress, has claimed responsibility for several similar attacks.

President F. W. de Klerk called the attack "barbaric" and said it was aimed at scuttling South Africa's first multiracial elections next year. He urged the nation to "stand united" in condemning such violence.

"I'm just very deeply shocked, really shattered, because somehow one was thinking that this kind of carnage was a thing of the past," the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Desmond Tutu, said today.

The police offered a \$60,000 reward for help in capturing the gunmen. They refused to speculate on a motive.

Between 20 and 50 people were in the Heidelberg bar and restaurant when several attackers, wearing civilian clothes, burst in, witnesses and the police said. The attackers first threw a hand grenade, which did not explode, then began firing automatic weapons.

Three women were killed and five people seriously wounded, the police said. They said all the victims were white, but witnesses said one of the women was Indian.

The owner of a nearby restaurant heard the shooting and ran into the street to investigate. He was shot and killed by the attackers as they fled.

It was the second such attack in Cape Town. In July, several black gunmen hurled grenades and fired automatic weapons in a predominantly white church in Cape Town. Eleven people died.



## RUSSIA AND GEORGIA SIGN MILITARY COOPERATION TREATY

MOSCOW, Russia — Russia and Georgia signed a cooperation treaty today that will increase Moscow's military influence there and tighten its ties with the embattled Georgian Government of Eduard A. Shevardnadze.

The treaty, one of two dozen documents signed today by Mr. Shevardnadze and President Boris N. Yeltsin in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, will allow Russia to keep three military bases on Georgian

soil past 1995, while committing the Russian military to train and supply the Georgian Army.

This provision has caused protests both in Moscow and in Tbilisi, where a bomb blast went off today, killing Georgia's Deputy Defense Minister hours before Mr. Yeltsin's arrival.

The remote-controlled bomb killed Deputy Defense Minister Nika Kekelidze in his apartment. Later, when Defense Min-

ister Georgy Karkarashvili went to inspect the site, he or an aide opened a door, detonating a grenade tied to the handle, Reuters reported. Mr. Karkarashvili was shaken but apparently not seriously hurt. Army Called the Target

A Georgian Defense Ministry spokesman called the bomb explosion "an act of terror, profitable to those who oppose the creation of a powerful Georgian Army."

## RISING VIOLENCE IN SOMALIA THROWS U.N.'S ROLE INTO QUESTION

SOMALIA — Less than three months before the American troop withdrawal from Somalia is scheduled to be completed, increasing banditry, attacks on relief workers and the rearming of clan-based factions around the country are putting into question the future role of the United Nations and relief agencies, American and United Nations officials say.

A senior United Nations official said last week that the organiza-

tion planned to reduce its troop strength from 28,000 to about 15,000 after the American pullout, which is to be complete by March 31. By that time, all the other Western contingents as well as the large Turkish force will have pulled out, leaving the Pakistani and Indian contingents as the main guarantors of security for United Nations and relief-agency operations. The commander will be Lieutenant General Aboo Samah Aboo Bakar of Ma-

laysia, who is to replace a Turkish general, Cevik Bir, this month.

The United Nations hopes that a Somali police force, in the process of being trained, will help in maintaining order. But senior United Nations and American officials are concerned that a sharp decrease in United Nations military power will only open the way to greater violence.

## KASHMIR TALKS BEGIN FOR INDIA AND PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan and India opened new talks today on their longstanding dispute over Kashmir, but neither side appeared ready to compromise.

Pakistan's Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, set the tone, telling India's Foreign Secretary, J.N. Dixit, that his country should stop abusing the human rights of Muslims in the disputed territory.

Mr. Dixit expressed hope that the discussions would lead to better relations, but did not announce any proposals that might help end decades of hostility between the neighbors.

Ms. Bhutto, who returned to power three months ago, said she wanted to see improved relations, but the countries have continued to trade accusations of spy-

ing and sabotage in the weeks leading up to these discussions, the seventh round since 1990.

Mr. Dixit made a quick trip to the southern city of Karachi to see Ms. Bhutto, then returned to Islamabad tonight for more talks with his Pakistani counterpart, Shaharyar Khan.

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