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## WORLD AIDS DAY

**TODAY,  
DECEMBER 1**

**AIDS AND FAMILIES**

### Schedule of events

**TODAY, December 1**

- **Giving Tree**  
In the EMU lobby displaying decorations on how HIV/AIDS affects our lives and our families. Call 346-4456 to get info on how to create and contribute a decoration.
- **World AIDS Day Tables**  
in EMU from 10-5 P.M. including:  
Red ribbon sales      Non-alcoholic refreshment  
T-shirt sales      Free condoms  
Community resources      Info on getting involved
- **RUN-WALK-ROLL AGAINST AIDS**  
Sponsored by the AIDS Awareness Group, International Student Association  
A two-mile fun-run on campus, 3:45pm - 4:45pm.  
Start: EMU Courtyard (be there 3:30 pm!)
- **HIV + Panel Discussion, 5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
Ben Linder Room; HIV positive guest speakers, panel discussion, video, drinks and hopefully some music...

Peer Health Educators at the Student Health Center invite you to show your solidarity with and support for the World AIDS Day.

- T-shirts are long sleeved, all cotton, four colors on white.
- T-shirts at the World AIDS Day Table in the EMU Lobby on Thursday, December 1, between 10-5 P.M., for \$13

Proceeds from T-shirt sales will go to families within the HIV Alliance

Co-sponsored by the Student Health Center and the AIDS Awareness Group, International Student Association; call 346-4456 for more information  
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# U.N. secretary threatens withdrawing peacekeepers



SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Snubbed by Serbs and unable to arrange a cease-fire, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said Wednesday it may be time to send peacekeepers home.

Unless the Bosnian Serbs and Muslim-led government agree to talk peace and cooperate with the United Nations, "it will become impossible" to persuade the Security Council to keep peacekeepers in Bosnia, he said after a six-hour visit to Sarajevo.

But he said he will not recommend a pullout "for the time being."

Boutros-Ghali's remarks were the first time he has threatened a withdrawal. They reflect a growing frustration as the Serbs continue their assault on Bihac, the Muslim-led government refuses new concessions, U.N. peacekeepers are being held hostage and the Western alliance is divided about how to respond.

A decision to withdraw the 24,000 peacekeepers would come from the Security Council, where there is "absolutely no evidence" of support for a withdrawal, said Colin Keating, New Zealand's U.N. ambassador.

French U.N. Ambassador Jean-Bernard Merimee said "there is no question" of a withdrawal, "but if the situation continues to deteriorate, it will be more difficult to keep the troops there."

A withdrawal would likely lead to a bloodier con-

flict and could draw peacekeepers into battle as both Bosnian Serbs and government forces rush U.N. camps to seize equipment before it can be destroyed.

More than 200,000 are dead or missing in the 31-month conflict launched by Serbs who rebelled against a Muslim-Croat vote to declare independence from Serb-led Yugoslavia.

Serbs have rejected a peace plan that would reduce their holdings in Bosnia to 49 percent from about 70 percent.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic told Boutros-Ghali that Bosnia would negotiate only if Serbs accept the plan. He said the government has proposed a three-month cease-fire, but the Serbs want something more permanent.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic refused even to meet Boutros-Ghali. The U.N. chief said Karadzic "has done his people a great disservice."

The Bosnian Serbs wouldn't mind seeing the United Nations leave Bosnia, believing it would allow them to force the government to settle on Serb terms.

Boutros-Ghali's visit followed admissions from top U.S. and NATO officials that they can't force a solution to the conflict without a huge ground force no one is willing to provide.

The impact of air strikes is questionable. Three NATO air strikes last week on the Udbina airfield and Serb positions near the Bihac "safe area" prompted the Serbs to take more than 400 U.N. soldiers hostage as insurance against more bombing. NATO members provide two-thirds of the peacekeepers.

## Fire engulfs cruise vessel; ship in danger of sinking

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The Achille Lauro's history of misfortune ended in flames Wednesday on the Indian Ocean, where nearly 1,000 passengers and crew fled in lifeboats as the cruise ship burned.

At least one death was reported. The ship burned into the night, tilting 40 degrees over to its port side off the coast of Somalia. The captain of a ship that went to the rescue said it was in danger of sinking.

The Achille Lauro gained notoriety when Palestinian hijackers killed an American passenger in 1985. But its troubled past includes the death of an Italian fisherman whose boat was rammed in 1971 and two passengers who drowned trying to escape a 1981 fire.

After fighting the blaze, the last 60 crew members abandoned the vessel and boarded merchant ships helping in the rescue. The 23,478-ton ship was burning and listing badly 130 miles south of the Horn of Africa.

Late Wednesday night, Italian Coast Guard officials said everyone aboard was accounted for. Eight people were injured in the fire.

"The whole aft half of the ship is fully engulfed" by flames, said U.S. Navy Lt. Paul Frost, who flew over the site in the afternoon. "Flames have progressed far forward in the ship."

The ship's owner, Genoa-based Starlauro, said the blaze apparently broke out in the passenger area, but the cause was unknown.

But Dimitrios Skapinkais, the Greek captain of the Treasure Island, said the liner's captain, who came aboard to use his ship's radiotelephone, said the fire started in the engine room.

By late evening, the liner was listing 40 degrees to port, Skapinkais said.

"I did not see the vessel sinking, but maybe in the next 12 hours, if any explosions come from the fuel tanks...the vessel is going to be sinking," he said.

## U.S. to charge fee for visa process at Moscow embassy

MOSCOW (AP) — The U.S. Embassy in Moscow is making changes in its much-maligned visa process, including one that is unlikely to appease critics: a \$20 application fee.

U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering announced Wednesday steps designed to ease the visa process, which human rights activists and Russian officials have said is rude and humiliating.

Meanwhile, the embassy announced it is introducing the \$20 processing fee to develop machine-readable visas, designed to speed up clearance for visitors.

The fee, which takes effect Dec. 1, is non-refundable — bad news for the more than 100 Russians rejected each day for non-immigrant visas at the embassy.



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