

# Government Accused of Criminal Neglect

## Disaster inspires Millions More Movement

(AP) - Railing against the delayed relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan said Saturday that the federal government should be charged with "criminal neglect of the people of New Orleans."

"For five days, the government did not act. Lives were lost," Farrakhan said at the 10th anniversary of the Million Man March. "We charge America with criminal neglect."

A crowd of thousands cheered as dozens of prominent speakers — academics, activists, artists and media pundits — spoke, recited poetry and sang songs in the 12-hour program on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Pointing to the broad spectrum of participants, Farrakhan said the march included an "unprecedented" array of black leaders of organizations "coming together to speak to America and the world with one voice."

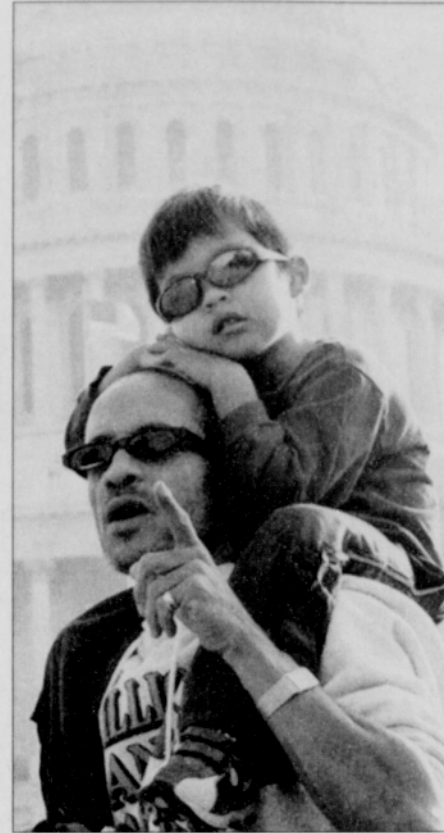
"This tells us that a new day is dawning in America," he said.

Ten years ago, Farrakhan urged black men to improve their families and communities — women, whites and other minorities had not been invited. On Saturday, all were welcome at the Millions More Movement, which organizers said would build on the principles of 1995 and push people to build a movement for change locally and nationally.

Some speakers paid tribute to



Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan addresses the Millions More Movement rally Saturday on the National Mall in Washington. (AP photo)



Cliff Booker, from Toronto, Canada, points to the National Mall showing his son Sage, the number of people arriving for the Millions More Movement Saturday in Washington, D.C. (AP Photo)

urging participants to give one dollar each week for victims.

Earlier, Jesse Jackson, the president of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, urged people to channel their frustration about Katrina toward change their communities. He also told the crowd that "a barge in the canal hit the levee and the waters came rushing in," but he did not elaborate on whether he believed this may have been deliberate.

Farrakhan appears to be broadening his message beyond those of concern specifically to black Americans and the poor. He denounced President Bush, the war in Iraq and Muslims who kill "innocent life for political purposes." He also called for unity with Africa, reparations for slavery, inclusion of undocumented immigrants and a government apology to American Indians.

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## Ohio Community Deals with Racial Tension

### Riot Erupts Over White Supremacist March

(AP) - A feud between Toledo, Ohio neighbors — one white, one black — over a dented car and kids trampling on a yard simmered all summer, eventually touching off a riot that has shaken this blue-collar city.

The violence that erupted Saturday over an aborted white supremacist march has moved leaders in a community marred by race riots in the 1960s to once again talk about race relations and re-examine efforts to combat gangs.

"This is something that's going to be with us for a while," Mayor Jack Ford said Monday.

Police say the squabble between the two neighbors was the catalyst for the sidewalk march planned by the National Socialist Movement. The neo-Nazi group said it wanted to draw attention to gangs and crime in the neighborhood, once a thriving Polish community that is now a mix of whites, blacks and Hispanics.



An "Erase the Hate" sign stands in the front lawn of a home Monday in Toledo, Ohio, near where a mob looted and burned a neighborhood bar, smashed the windows of a gas station, and hurling rocks and bottles at police on Saturday. (AP photo)

A mob that included rival gang members turned out Saturday to protest the supremacist group. But when the march was called off, they turned their anger toward police who they thought were protecting the neo-Nazis.

Protesters looted and burned a corner bar, smashed the windows of a gas station and tossed rocks and bricks at police. Twelve officers were injured and 114 people were arrested. The area known as Polish Village once was the heart and political center of Ohio's fourth-largest city, though it's hard now to find a place that still serves kielbasa and pierogis.

Jimmy Carter once dropped in during his presidential run, stopping at Jim & Lou's Bar, the tavern that rioters torched. "It was an institution," said Keith Wilkowski, a prominent local Democrat who grew up down the street.

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## CIA Leak Probe Nears End

(AP) - Special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald's CIA-leak inquiry is focusing attention on what long has been a Bush White House tactic: slash-and-burn assaults on its critics, particularly those opposed to the president's Iraq war policies.

If top officials are indicted, it could seriously erode the administration's credibility and prove yet another embarrassment to President Bush on the larger issue of how he and his national security team marshaled information — much of it later shown to be inaccurate — to support their case for the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

The grand jury is concluding a 22-month investigation of whether administration officials illegally leaked information disclosing the identity of an undercover CIA officer, Valerie Plame, in an effort to discredit her husband, former diplomat and war critic Joseph Wilson.

Anxiety at the White House increased after Bush adviser Karl Rove's fourth appearance last week before Fitzgerald's grand



President Bush refuses to answer a reporter's question Monday about the involvement of two of his top aides in the leak of the identity of a CIA operative. (AP photo)

jury, and with a New York Times reporter's firsthand account of her dealings with I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's top aide.

"The grand jury investigation has the possibility of really shining a light on the credibility of the administration, how officials tried to undermine those who were criticizing them and how they then covered up that attempt," said American University political scientist James Thurber.

## Earthquake Leaves Children Vulnerable

(AP) - Doctors, parents and aid workers offer up the tragic toll of the massive earthquake that devastated northern Pakistan: When the roofs and the walls came down, more often than not they fell on the children.

At the hospital here, bed after bed holds small, crumpled bodies of toddlers and adolescents, some tended to with love and worry by a mother or father, some all alone. There are injured men, women, elderly, too. But doctors here said the young make up half their patients.

Children suffered injuries in larger proportions than the rest of the population, doctors and health officials said, mostly because they were in classes when the 7.6-magnitude earthquake hit just before 9 a.m.

Tamur Mueenuddin, a health of-



A boy looks at the damaged building of his school, right, at the border village Sultan Daki in India on Monday. (AP Photo)

ficer for UNICEF, said the agency and others are trying to create a mechanism to reconnect children with their families, counsel them and provide assistance and protection for those left alone.