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NEWS SUMMARY
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JAPAN QUAKE - CASUALTIES: 5,060 dead, 102 missing, 26,284 injured.

CHECHEN UPDATE MOSCOW, Jan. 23 (UPI) With Russia's war in the separatist Chechen republic now in its seventh week, and no end in sight, fighting was reported Monday in the center of the Chechen capital Grozny, which has become a kind of no-man's land at the center of the destruction. Neither the Russians nor the Chechens control Grozny, said Aliskhan Khautiev, an aide to the president of Ingushetia, which borders the Chechen republic in the Russian Caucasus.
GROZNY, Russia, Jan 23 (Reuter) - The Kremlin poured more reinforcements into Grozny on Monday and Russian officials said Chechen resistance to Moscow's military campaign had eased.
Reuter

television producer Gleb Bryansky saw a column of 150 vehicles move into the capital from the north, including trucks with troops, armoured carriers and multi-barrelled anti-aircraft guns that can be put to deadly use in street fighting.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (Reuter) - The U.N. commander in Bosnia ended his assignment Monday by announcing the opening of supply routes into Sarajevo, a move that bolstered a truce and an international bid for new talks to end the war. Rose announced the deal as major powers, hoping to capitalize on the truce, embarked on fresh talks with Bosnia's rival factions to persuade them to join fresh negotiations on a political settlement.

SILVA CALLS IT QUILTS LISBON, Jan 23 (Reuter) - Portugal's centre-right Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva said on Monday he would not seek re-election this year, and the opposition called for elections due in October to be brought forward. I took the decision not to be the candidate again for president of the (ruling) Social Democrat Party (PSD), Cavaco Silva, 55, told a packed news conference.

JERUSALEM, Jan 23 (Reuter) - Israeli and PLO officials vowed on Monday to pursue and punish Islamic militants behind a suicide bombing that killed 19 Israelis on Sunday. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Israel would press PLO leader Yasser Arafat to take vigorous action against Islamic Jihad, the group that claimed two of its members carried out the attack, and Hamas, another militant Moslem group opposed to the PLO-Israel peace deal. A PLO security official promised that the Palestinian Authority in charge of the Gaza Strip would take stronger measures against the militants than it had in previous instances.

GUATEMALA PEACE TALKS UNITED NATIONS, Jan 23 (Reuter) - The U.N. undersecretary-general for political affairs, Marrack Goulding, left on Monday for talks with Guatemalan rebels and

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nment officials in an effort to
speed up stalled peace negotiations in the central American country, U.N.
officials
said.

CUBAN REFUGEES PANAMA CITY, Jan. 23 (UPI) U.S. military officials in
Panama said Monday that five of the 13
Cubans who escaped from a refugee camp over the weekend have been found and
returned
to the camp. Officials of
Operation Safe Haven said three of the escapees were found on Sunday and two
more early Monday morning.

BUJUMBURA - A band of about 50 gunmen attacked the military hospital in the
Burundi
capital Bujumbura, ransacking
several parked cars, witnesses said. In further unrest in the central African country
gripped by ethnic violence, a youth
was killed in tribal fighting at a school on the outskirts of the city.

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