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EDS: UPDATES WITH CROWDS RUSHING TO PROTECT STUDENTS FROM
HUNDREDS OF TROOPS. CONFIRM THAT END TO HUNGER STRIKE IS SUPPOSED TO BE
TEMPORARY

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BEIJING (AP) - CROWDS RUSHED TO PROTECT PRO-DEMOCRACY STUDENT
DEMONSTRATORS FRIDAY NIGHT FROM ARMY TROOPS REPORTED TO BE MOVING
TOWARD TIANANMEN SQUARE AFTER THE GOVERNMENT SAID IT WOULD TAKE
MEASURES TO STOP THE PROTEST.

COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF ZHAO ZIYANG, WHO OPPOSED A CRACKDOWN,
OFFERED TO RESIGN, ACCORDING TO TWO CHINESE SOURCES, WHO SAID THE
PARTY HAD NOT YET ACTED ON THE OFFER.

THE STUDENTS DECIDED ON THEIR OWN TO TEMPORARILY END THE HUNGER
STRIKE BUT CONTINUE SITTING IN THE SQUARE IN CENTRAL BEIJING UNTIL
THE GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THEIR DEMANDS, INCLUDING A DIALOGUE ON
DEMOCRATIC REFORM. STUDENT LEADERS WHO ANNOUNCED THE DECISION DID
NOT EXPLAIN WHEN OR WHY THEY MIGHT RESUME THE STRIKE.

AT MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, CROWDS RUSHED FROM THE WEST TOWARD
TIANANMEN, SHOUTING THAT SOLDIERS WERE COMING. NONE IN THE CROWD
SAID THEY HAD PERSONALLY SEEN SOLDIERS. THEY SAID MASSES OF PEOPLE
HAD SURROUNDED THE ARMY TRUCKS IN AN EFFORT TO STOP THEM.

A CABLE NEWS NETWORK REPORTER SAID HE SAW ABOUT 50 ARMY TRUCKS
MORE THAN A KILOMETER (MILE) WEST OF THE SQUARE, AND THAT PEOPLE
WERE URGING THE SOLDIERS NOT TO MOVE IN. NO ARMY TRUCKS WERE SEEN IN
THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE SQUARE.

ABOUT 100,000 PEOPLE WERE IN THE SQUARE AND NEARBY STREETS.

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EDS: ADDS QUOTES FROM STUDENTS ON ENDING HUNGER STRIKE, 500,000 DEMONSTRATING IN SHANGHAI, WRAPS UP DEVELOPMENTS SO FAR, TRIMS BY KATHY WILHELM

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BEIJING (AP) - PREMIER LI PENG SAID FRIDAY THAT MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO STOP A SIX-DAY STUDENT HUNGER STRIKE THAT HAS TRIGGERED NATIONWIDE PROTEST MARCHES, AND COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF ZHAO ZIYANG, WHO OPPOSED A CRACKDOWN, OFFERED TO RESIGN.

THE STUDENTS DECIDED ON THEIR OWN TO END THE HUNGER STRIKE BUT SAID THEY WOULD CONTINUE SITTING IN AT CENTRAL BEIJING'S TIANANMEN SQUARE UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THEIR DEMANDS, INCLUDING A DIALOGUE ON DEMOCRATIC REFORM.

THE STUDENT DECISION APPEARED UNLIKE TO SATISFY GOVERNMENT HARDLINERS, INCLUDING SENIOR LEADER DENG XIAOPING, WHO VIEW THE MONTH-LONG STUDENT DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT AS AN ATTACK ON THE PARTY. THE PROTESTS ARE THE BIGGEST DEFIANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN 40 YEARS OF COMMUNIST RULE.

MEANWHILE, PRO-DEMOCRACY PROTESTS BY STUDENTS AND WORKERS IN CHINA'S LARGEST CITY, SHANGHAI, SWELLED TO AN ESTIMATED 500,000, SAID AN AMERICAN WITNESS. MORE THAN 500 STUDENTS JOINED A HUNGER STRIKE THERE, AND THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE WORD THAT THOSE STRIKERS WOULD HALT THEIR ACTION.

ZHAO MADE HIS RESIGNATION OFFER TO HIS FOUR FELLOW MEMBERS ON THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY POLITBURO, THE PARTY'S HIGHEST DECISION-MAKING BODY, SAID TWO CHINESE SOURCES. THE MOVE CAME AFTER HE LOST TWO VOTES ON HIS PROPOSAL TO REACH A SETTLEMENT WITH THE STUDENTS.

THE COMMITTEE SAID THE RESIGNATION OFFER WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY A LARGER PARTY BODY, EITHER THE ENTIRE POLITBURO OR THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE SOURCES SAID THE STATE COUNCIL, CHINA'S CABINET, ISSUED AN ORDER BANNING DEMONSTRATIONS AS OF MIDNIGHT (1500 GMT), DECLARING THAT THEY DESTROY STABILITY AND UNITY.

BEIJING TELEVISION DEVOTED MOST OF ITS HALF-HOUR EVENING NEWSCAST TO CALLS FOR THE STUDENTS TO END THEIR HUNGER STRIKE IN CENTRAL TIANANMEN SQUARE AND FOR OTHERS TO STOP MARCHING. MORE THAN 3,000 STUDENTS WERE FASTING AND TENS OF THOUSANDS MORE WERE KEEPING VIGIL WITH THEM.

PEOPLE FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE POURED INTO BEIJING'S STREETS AND OTHERS HAVE MARCHED IN MORE THAN 20 PROVINCIAL CAPITALS TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT INTO ACCEPTING THE STUDENT DEMANDS.

STUDENT LEADERS ON FRIDAY EVENING SUGGESTED ENDING THE HUNGER STRIKE AFTER AT LEAST 2,400 PARTICIPANTS WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITALS. MOST RETURNED TO THE SQUARE AFTER BEING REVIVED. DOCTORS ALSO REPORTED CASES OF HEPATITIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

MOST OF THE STUDENTS APPROVED ENDING THE STRIKE, ALTHOUGH SOME SAID THEY WERE STILL CONSIDERING WHAT TO DO.

"WE HAVE ACHIEVED A GREAT VICTORY," SAID STUDENT LEADER ZHANG DOLI. "WE WILL CHANGE FROM 3,000 HUNGER STRIKERS TO A SIT-IN OF TENS OF THOUSANDS. OUR STRUGGLE ... HASN'T ENDED."

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BEIJING: HASN'T ENDED."

HE AND OTHER STUDENT LEADERS TOLD THEIR CLASSMATES NOT TO RESPOND WITH FORCE IF POLICE OR SOLDIERS TRY TO BREAK UP THE SIT-IN.

"WE CAN ONLY HOPE OUR CLASSMATES WILL BE CALM AND CONTROLLED AND NOT BEAT OR SHOUT BACK," WANG SAID.

POLICE HAVE BEEN HELPING THE STUDENTS DIRECT TRAFFIC IN AND AROUND THE SQUARE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, BUT THERE WAS NO STEPPED-UP POLICE PRESENCE LATE FRIDAY AND NO SOLDIERS WERE SEEN.

THE SIRENS OF AMBULANCES TAKING COLLAPSED FASTERS TO THE HOSPITAL CONTINUED TO PEAL THROUGH THE CITY, AND SMALL NUMBERS OF MARCHERS AND TRUCKS FILLED WITH PROTESTERS STILL HEADED FOR THE SQUARE, WHERE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF NON-STUDENT SUPPORTERS MILLED.

"CHAOS HAS OCCURRED IN BEIJING," LI TOLD A VISITING AUSTRALIAN ENVOY. "THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT WILL, WITH A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE, TAKE MEASURES TO STOP THE CHAOS SO AS TO RESTORE SOCIAL ORDER.

"WE'LL SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. I'M FULLY CONFIDENT OF THIS," THE OFFICIAL XINHUA NEWS AGENCY QUOTED LI AS SAYING.

THE NATIONAL EVENING NEWS LED WITH A REPLAY OF LI'S MEETING THURSDAY WITH STUDENT LEADERS, IN WHICH HE BERATED THEM AND SAID BEIJING WAS IN A STATE OF ANARCHY.

THE HARSH STATEMENTS FOLLOWED A PRE-DAWN VISIT TO THE STUDENTS BY ZHAO AND LI. STUDENTS SAID ZHAO TOLD THEM, TEARS IN HIS EYES, "I CAME TOO LATE, TOO LATE. I SHOULD BE CRITICIZED BY YOU."

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE "PROBLEMS YOU HAVE RAISED WILL EVENTUALLY BE RESOLVED," BUT MADE NO CONCRETE OFFER. STUDENTS SAID LI SAID LITTLE AND SOON LEFT.

THE HUNGER STRIKE CAPPED A MONTH OF PRO-DEMOCRACY PROTESTS BY STUDENTS IN BEIJING. WORKERS, SOLDIERS, POLICE, DOCTORS, TEACHERS AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HAVE MARCHED IN BEIJING A MILLION STRONG, HOPING TO PRESSURE THE GOVERNMENT INTO MEETING STUDENT DEMANDS.

THE STUDENTS WANT A DIALOGUE ON A FREE PRESS AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC REFORMS, TO BE BROADCAST LIVE, AND AN APOLOGY FOR THE PARTY'S ORIGINAL CONDEMNATION OF THEIR MOVEMENT AS "TURMOIL."

DENG, 84, WHO LED ECONOMIC REFORMS BUT INSISTS THE PARTY RETAIN TIGHT POLITICAL CONTROLS, HAS BEEN LOSING GROUND DAILY AS SOCIAL

SUPPORT FOR THE STUDENTS HAS WIDENED.

A SOURCE IN THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY SAID TROOPS WERE BROUGHT FROM OUTSIDE THE BEIJING REGION FOR "POSSIBLE ACTION" AFTER THE 38TH ARMY, WHICH PROTECTS THE CAPITAL, NOTIFIED AUTHORITIES IT WAS UNWILLING TO SUPPRESS THE PROTESTS.

THE HUNGER STRIKERS, WHO BOARDED BUSES PARKED ON THE SQUARE ON THURSDAY FOR SHELTER FROM THUNDERSTORMS, BEGAN SITTING OUTSIDE IN ANOTHER AREA OF THE VAST SQUARE WHILE THE BUSES WERE CLEANED. THEY SAID THEY WOULD CAMP IN THE OPEN UNLESS IT RAINED.

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARRIVED BY TRAIN FROM ACROSS CHINA TO JOIN THE BEIJING MARCHERS. THE MARCHERS FRIDAY WERE FAR FEWER THAN THE MORE THAN 1 MILLION WHO MARCHED WEDNESDAY AND NEARLY 1 MILLION ON THURSDAY.

BEIJING AUTHORITIES SENT NOTICES TO PARTY MEMBERS, FACTORIES AND PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS URGING THAT THEY NOT TAKE PART IN MARCHES.

MARCHERS' BANNERS AND MESSAGES CHALKED ON WALLS THROUGHOUT THE CITY CALLED ON DENG TO RESIGN. ONE SAID, "LI PENG RAPE'S PUBLIC OPINION." PAMPHLETS CALLED FOR A 24-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE BEGINNING

AT NOON SATURDAY.

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BEIJING (AP) - COMMUNIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY ZHAO ZIYANG AND PREMIER LI PENG MADE A PRE-DAWN VISIT TO STUDENT HUNGER STRIKERS FRIDAY, PRAISING THEIR GOOD INTENTIONS BUT CALLING FOR AN END TO THEIR DRAMATIC CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

STUDENTS SAID THEY WOULD ONLY END THEIR SIX-DAY FAST WHEN THE GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THEIR DEMANDS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. THEY SAID THEY BELIEVED NO PROGRESS WOULD OCCUR UNTIL 84-YEAR-OLD CHINESE LEADER DENG XIAOPING STEPS DOWN.

"ZIYANG. DIALOGUE. ZIYANG. DIALOGUE." WENT THE CHANT WHEN STUDENTS FIRST SAW ZHAO AT 4:45 A.M. (1945 GMT THURSDAY).

"WE'VE COME TOO LATE," ZHAO TOLD EMACIATED FASTERS DURING HIS VISIT TO TIANANMEN SQUARE. "THE PROBLEMS YOU HAVE RAISED WILL EVENTUALLY BE RESOLVED. BUT THINGS ARE COMPLICATED AND THERE MUST BE A PROCESS TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS."

ZHAO, TALKING TO FASTERS INSIDE BUSES ON THE SQUARE WHERE THEY WERE MOVED DURING A RAINSTORM WEDNESDAY NIGHT, SAID "THE WHOLE OF BEIJING IS DISCUSSING" THEIR ACTIONS.

STUDENTS WHO TALKED WITH THE LEADERS SAID THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH THE VISIT BECAUSE BOTH MEN CAME AS INDIVIDUALS AND NOT AS GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

"WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH WHAT LI SAID," SAID CAI XIANG, A STUDENT AT BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY. "HE TOLD US TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. THAT'S ALL." STUDENTS SAID THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH ZHAO, WHO APPEARED MOVED BY THE PROTEST.

ONE STUDENT SAID ZHAO'S EYES BRIMMED WITH TEARS.

NEARLY A MILLION PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE Poured INTO CENTRAL BEIJING THURSDAY, CALLING ON DENG TO STEP DOWN AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE 3,000 HUNGER STRIKERS. IT WAS THE SECOND STRAIGHT MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION FOR FREEDOM IN BEIJING.

FRIDAY MORNING, THOUSANDS BEGAN FLOCKING AGAIN TO THE SQUARE IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS. SHOWERS ON THURSDAY TURNED TIANANMEN INTO A SQUALLID SQUATTERS CAMP. STUDENTS LAY ON DIRTY BLANKETS STREWN ACROSS WET PLASTIC SHEETS.

A DAY EARLIER, LI MET WITH STUDENT LEADERS AND TOLD THEM THAT THEIR HUNGER STRIKE HAS THROWN THE CITY INTO CHAOS. STUDENTS SAID NO PROGRESS WAS MADE IN MEETING THEIR DEMANDS.

THE CHINA DAILY REPORTED THAT 50,000 PEOPLE WERE STREAMING INTO BEIJING EVERY DAY TO DEMONSTRATE FOR FREEDOM. THE STATE-RUN RADIO SAID THE WEEK-LONG PROTEST HAS "SERIOUSLY AFFECTED PRODUCTION IN THE BEIJING AREA." SEVERAL FACTORIES HAVE STOPPED PRODUCTION BECAUSE OF LARGE-SCALE WALKOUTS. ONE FACTORY MANAGER WAS QUOTED AS SAYING MORE THAN 10,000 WORKERS WERE STAYING AWAY FROM THEIR JOBS.

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"SOLDIERS FROM THE 38TH HAVE SEEN THIS MOVEMENT FROM THE BEGINNING AND THEY ARE VERY SYMPATHETIC," SAID THE SOURCE. "NEW TROOPS WERE BROUGHT IN FOR POSSIBLE ACTION."

ON THURSDAY. 11TH GRAF, 7TH LEAD