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SUBJECT: Media coverage of Audrey Hepburn

Audrey Hepburn met the press at London's Foreign Press Association at 10:30 this morning. The press conference which was organised by the UK Committee for UNICEF was attended by 100 journalists representing a good cross section of the media. The BBC has already carried some material today following the press conference and further good coverage is expected over the next few days. I am attaching clippings generated by her Nairobi press conference.

On Thursday, 1 October, Audrey Hepburn will grant in-depth interviews to Newsweek, Le Figaro Magazine, Corriere della Sera and the Tribune de Geneva. These interviews have been organized by the Information Section of the Geneva Office.

Audrey Hepburn was also interviewed by NBC's "Today Show, ABC's "Good Morning America" aired this morning. Her interview on "Entertainment Tonight" which was pre-recorded will air at 7:00 pm this evening. DOI will make the footage available. (attached)

Television and radio coverage in the United States of Audrey Hepburn's trip was as follows:

Good Morning America carried a six-minute piece with Somalian footage on 29 September

The Today Show broadcast a 5-minute interview with Audrey Hepburn, including Somalia footage on 29 September

Channel 2 News New York, a CBS affiliate, carried a piece on their 11pm news on 25 September

Channel 11 News New York, WPIX, an independent station, broadcast a piece at 10pm on 25 September

The McCreery Report on WNYW TV (Fox) New York, had a 2 minute, 41 second piece at 9:30 am on 27 September

Eyewitness News WTVT of Tampa, a CBS affiliate, broadcast two pieces, 30 seconds at 5pm on 25 September and 20 seconds at noon on

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Newswatch 8, WFLA of Tampa, an NBC affiliate, had a 30 second piece on 25 September at noon

News at 10 KTLA of Los Angeles, an independent station, had a 30 second piece at 10pm on 25 September

Dallas News 4, KDFW of Texas, a CBS affiliate, had a 20 second item at noon on 23 September and a one minute piece on their Nightbeat programme at 10pm on 23 September

Fox 32, WFLD of Chicago had a 40 second item on their 9pm news on 25 September

KGL Channel 7 of San Francisco, an ABC affiliate, broadcast a 25 second piece on their Channel 7 News Tonight programme on 22 September at 11 pm

Channel 2 News of Chicago had a 20 second piece on Channel 2 news at 4:30 pm on 23 September

KCBS of Los Angeles News at 5pm, a CBS affiliate, broadcast a 20 second piece on 23 September

Fox News at 10 of Los Angeles, KTTV, had a 40 second piece on 25 September

KSBY of San Louis Obispo, Action News at 6pm, broadcast a 1:20 second piece

Center 46 of Monterey, KMFT, a CBS affiliate, had a 40-second item on the 10 pm news on 23 September

TV6 of Milwaukee, WITI, a CBS affiliate, had a 10-second news reader item on 23 September at 10pm

KMBH of Denver, Channel 7 News, a CBS affiliate, had a 10 second news reader item at 11:30 p.m on 23 September

WTMJ of Milwaukee, an NBC affiliate, had a 25 second item on their 10pm news on 20 September

WJAR of Providence, an NBC affiliate, had 15 seconds on their Newswatch programme at 5:30 pm on 21 September

KABC, an ABC affiliate, had a 15 second piece on Eyewitness News at 4pm on 22 September

Prime 9 News, KCAL of Los Angeles, an independent station, had a 15 second piece on their 9pm news on 22 September

WTNH of New Have, Action News at Midday, an ABC affiliate, had a 20 second item on 22 September

Eyewitness News, WABC of New York, had a 10 second news reader item on 22 September

Primetime News Channel 8 of Washington, a cable show, had 30 seconds on 23 September

WPRI, an ABC affiliate of Providence, had 15 seconds on their 12 on 12 news programme at 11 pm

Action News at 5, KFSN of Fresno, an ABC affiliate, had a 15 second piece on 22 September

News 10 at noon of Sacramento, KXTV, a CBS affiliate, carried a 30-second item on 23 September

Eyewitness News at 5, WUSA of Washington, a CBS affiliate, carried 15 second items at 5 pm and 6 pm on 23 September

Action News of Detroit, WXYZ, an ABC affiliate, had a 10 second news reader on 23 September

WFSB of Hartford, a CBS affiliate, had 30 seconds on 23 September at 5:30 pm

Noticias of Los Angeles, KMEX TV (Univision) had 10 seconds at 5:30 on 24 September

The Daybreak show, WPEC of West Palm Beach, a CBS affiliate, had 30 seconds at 6:30 am on 24 September

Eyewitness News at 5, KPIX of San Francisco, a CBS affiliate, had a 20 second item on 23 September

KFSN of Fresno, an ABC affiliate, had 15 seconds on its Action News at 11 programme on 22 September

KKTV of Denver, a CBS affiliate, had a 10 second news reader piece on their news at noon

News 10 at 11, KXTV of Sacramento, a CBS affiliate, carried 45 seconds at 11 pm on 25 September

## **Radio**

Radio Miami, WINZ, an AM station, had a 15 second news reader item at noon on 25 September

Evening Drivetime of San Francisco on KGLAM Radio, had a brief news reader at 4pm on 25 September

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Copyright 1992 Gannett Company, Inc.  
USA TODAY

September 25, 1992, Friday, INTERNATIONAL EDITION

SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 4A

LENGTH: 154 words

HEADLINE: Hepburn sees entire generation wiped out by Somali famine, war

BYLINE: From wire reports

KEYWORD: AUDREY HEPBURN:STARVATION: FAMINE RELIEF:UN AMBASSADOR: UNICEF

## BODY:

Actress Audrey Hepburn on Thursday implored the world to aid Somalia's starving and said after touring the war- and drought -ravaged nation that nothing could have prepared her for the human suffering she witnessed.

Hepburn, who for five years has been a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Children's Fund, spent Sunday and Monday in Somalia and on Wednesday visited refugee camps near the Kenyan border.

Speaking in Nairobi, Kenya's capital, she described a refugee camp near Kismayu where no infants were among 20,000 survivors: "All the babies were gone."

U.N. relief officials said seasonal rains are increasing the death toll among children. The rains also delayed the airlift of food.

The French humanitarian agency Doctors without Borders estimates 300,000 children under 5 - about 25% of that age group - have died. But Hepburn said that while many have died, "for many more there is still time."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO; b/w, AP

CUTLINE: HEPBURN: UNICEF mission to\* Somalia

TYPE: Elsewhere in the World

SUBJECT: SOMALIA; HUNGER; DEATH; ACTOR; UNITED NATIONS

NOTES: WASHINGTON AND THE WORLD

The Associated Press, September 24, 1992

Downpours this week forced the suspension of relief flights by American, Canadian, German and privately chartered aircraft to the central and southern towns of Baidoa, Bardera, Hoddur and Uegit.

The rainy season generally lasts through October - until mid-November at the outside - and air dropping may be the only way to deliver food for now, said Brenda Barton, a spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food Program.

The effort to feed Somalia's starving has been hampered since the outset by widespread banditry and looting.

Marauding gunmen pounce on food supplies and deliveries, and the lawless acts have increased as efforts to address the catastrophe intensify.

Somalia has dissolved into anarchy since dictator Mohamed Siad Barre was ousted in January 1991. Rival clans have been fighting for power since then.

Some aid officials estimate as much as half of the 180,000 tons of food delivered to Somalia this year has been stolen, and more than a dozen relief workers have been killed or wounded.

The last soldiers of a 500-man U.N. force from Pakistan are due to arrive by Monday, to guard food at Mogadishu's port and airport.

The U.N. Security Council has authorized the deployment of an additional 3,000 troops to protect humanitarian shipments and workers elsewhere in Somalia, but the plan has been blocked by the nation's main warlord, Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid.

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The Xinhua General Overseas News Service

Xinhua General News Service

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SEPTEMBER 24, 1992, THURSDAY

LENGTH: 200 words

HEADLINE: unicef vows to help save starving somali children

DATELINE: nairobi, september 24; ITEM NO: 0924014

## BODY:

a goodwill ambassador of the united nations children's fund (unicef) promised here today to help save somali children from what she described as the worst catastrophe in living memory, the kenya news agency reported. briefing a press conference, audrey hepburn, who just arrived here from a short visit to war-torn and drought-ravaged somalia, said that the only thing to keep the horn of africa country from falling apart is urgent relief, aid from the international community. she said she will urge the international community to do so, for 60 percent of the 25 million people who lack food and other basic needs are women and children. "thousands of children in the war-torn country are killed, battered, tortured, exploited and dramatized," she said. the unicef envoy described what she saw in a feeding center as a "nightmare," where dead silence was stalking, and fragile looking and skeletal children with sunken eyes were sitting and waiting to be fed. hepburn, with tears dripping down her cheek, promised to try her best to create wide awareness of what she witnessed in somalia. it is not too late to save the lives of the dying women and children in the country, hepburn said.

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September 24, 1992

SECTION: News

LENGTH: 267 words

HEADLINE: American actress says Somalis can still be saved

DATELINE: NAIROBI

## BODY:

American actress Audrey Hepburn said Thursday although help for starving Somalia came too late, the international community could still save millions of people in that country.

"For many help came too late, but for many, many more we can still be in time," she told a news conference here after a visit to Somalia and northeastern Kenya as a goodwill ambassador of the U.N. Childrens Fund (UNICEF).

She visited the the southern port city of Kismayo, Mogadishu and the central city of Baidoha.

In Baidoha, where she arrived as a truck was being loaded with some 100 bodies, mostly children, she said she had walked "into the nightmare" that had haunted her for months.

"No media reports, however excellent, could have prepared me for the unspeakable agony I felt at seeing countless fragile little skeletons sitting and lying waiting to be fed," Hepburn said, tears welling in her eyes.

She described camps in the northeastern Kenya where hundreds of thousands of Somali refugees live as a "slice of hell" representing the "horror of the Somali holocaust".

The camps were in desperate need of tents and clothing now that the rainy season had began, she said.



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The Associated Press

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September 22, 1992, Tuesday, AM cycle

SECTION: International News

LENGTH: 669 words

HEADLINE: Marines and Sailors Call Somali Fears of Invasion 'Ridiculous'

BYLINE: Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: ABOARD THE USS TARAWA

KEYWORD: Marines-Somalia

## BODY:

U.S. Marines and sailors on this amphibious assault ship off the coast of Mogadishu say they are here on a purely humanitarian mission.

But many Somalis fear the Americans are planning an invasion - finding it hard to believe that four U.S. ships and 4,000 troops are here simply to protect the arrival of a U.N. peacekeeping force.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Dawkins, 35, of Tacoma, Wash., is one of 2,100 servicemen aboard the USS Tarawa. As he put it, it is the United States' duty to help the Somali people survive.

"Being a black Marine and being human, I feel pretty bad about it," Dawkins said Tuesday. "We must preserve the people."

The humanitarian message being promoted aboard this ship was not accepted blithely on the ground in Somalia. Since the Tarawa and three other ships were sent in, tensions have been high in the war-ravaged Horn of Africa nation, especially among the young, heavily armed men who have become the country's de facto rulers.

The main warlord, Gen. Mohammed Farah Aidid, said Saturday the U.S. force will "not contribute to peace" and demanded that it leave.

U.S. Navy Capt. Braden Phillips, commander of Amphibious Squadron 1, said the four-ship task force and its 4,000 servicemen probably will depart next week after American military planes finish transporting 500 armed U.N. soldiers and their equipment from Pakistan to Mogadishu, Somalia's capital.

The Pakistanis are to be deployed at the capital's port and airport to guard against looters, who have been accused of stealing up to half of the 165,000 tons of relief supplies delivered to Somalia this year.

More than 100,000 Somalis have died from drought and warfare, and 2 million more are at risk of starvation.

The Associated Press, September 22, 1992

On Tuesday, one aid official predicted that half a million could die by Christmas if the looting and fighting don't stop.

"The only restraint to humanitarian assistance is security," said Stephen Tomlin, 39, a Briton heading the Los Angeles-based International Medical Corps in Mogadishu. "The resources are in place to help these people."

The American task force is providing communications and search-and-rescue support for the Pakistani troop lift. The main body of Pakistanis started arriving Monday. More soldiers and equipment arrived Tuesday.

"We had some pretty good coordination with the folks on the ground and established the fact that we're not here in an offensive way," said Phillips, 46, of Lockport, N.Y. "We are here strictly to support the operation of the insertion of peacekeeping forces."

The Tarawa, which carries helicopters and Harrier jump jets, is no stranger to humanitarian operations: Last year, en route home from the Gulf War, it diverted to Bangladesh to deliver 2,200 tons of food to cyclone victims.

The servicemen spend much of their time on training and maintenance, and only a few Marines from the Tarawa have set foot in Mogadishu, acting as liaisons with U.N. forces. A dozen Air Force personnel are stationed aboard the ship, which left its home port of San Diego for the Persian Gulf on May 28.

On Monday, the crew raised \$ 4,000 for UNICEF programs in Somalia and presented the check to actress Audrey Hepburn, a UNICEF goodwill ambassador.

Higgins, a 22-year-old radio operator from District Heights, Md., said even though he is on the ship, he still feels "that we're part of this - to know that we're helping out the people of Somalia.

"We're not here to invade - we're just here to support the Pakistani army," he said.

As he lifted weights in the ship's gymnasium, Cpl. Michael Arnold, 23, of Poway, Calif., said, "Instead of sitting 35 miles off the coast, I'd like to be there to help."

But he said many Marines still don't really know what they're doing off Somalia, and "quite a few troops were upset that we're here when we could be in the Pacific heading home."

Before they got the orders sending them to the Mogadishu coast, the servicemen had been scheduled to go to Singapore on leave after their long stint in the Persian Gulf.

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Copyright 1992 The Times Mirror Company  
Los Angeles Times

September 22, 1992, Tuesday, Home Edition

SECTION: Part A; Page 4; Column 6; Foreign Desk

LENGTH: 262 words

HEADLINE: HEPBURN GETS SURPRISE \$4,000 TO AID SOMALIS

BYLINE: From Associated Press

DATELINE: MOGADISHU, Somalia

**BODY:**

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The Tarawa is the flagship of a four-ship U.S. amphibious task force that is monitoring U.S. military aircraft flying 500 armed U.N. troops from Pakistan to Mogadishu to protect humanitarian relief shipments from looting.

GRAPHIC: Photo, COLOR, An Act of Compassion: Actress Audrey Hepburn holds a malnourished child in Mogadishu, Somalia. U.S. troops surprised the UNICEF goodwill ambassador with a check for the country's hungry children. Associated Press

TYPE: Wire

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The Associated Press

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September 21, 1992, Monday, AM cycle

SECTION: International News

LENGTH: 266 words

HEADLINE: Actress Cries When U.S. Troops Donate \$ 4,000 to Somali Kids

BYLINE: Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: MOGADISHU, Somalia

KEYWORD: Somalia-Hepburn

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**JUST WHAT WAS SAID /**

*An actress who saw the 1939-45  
war compares it to Africa*

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## She walked into a nightmare

*Actress and United Nations Children's Fund  
ambassador Audrey Hepburn, speaking yester-  
day after a visit to Somalia:*

**I** SAW more suffering in Somalia than in Europe during the Second World War — with all the horrifying torture, starvation, atrocities in German camps and exploitation . . . the Somali holocaust is the worst human catastrophe in living memory. The world must stand alarmed. . . .

[In Baidoa] little skeletons [were] seated in a feeding centre of the Irish aid agency Concern — 45 of them died. I walked into a nightmare . . . No place on earth could be worse than Baidoa. In Somalia's second port of Kismayu, all the babies had gone, almost no infants. Mogadishu is totally destroyed.

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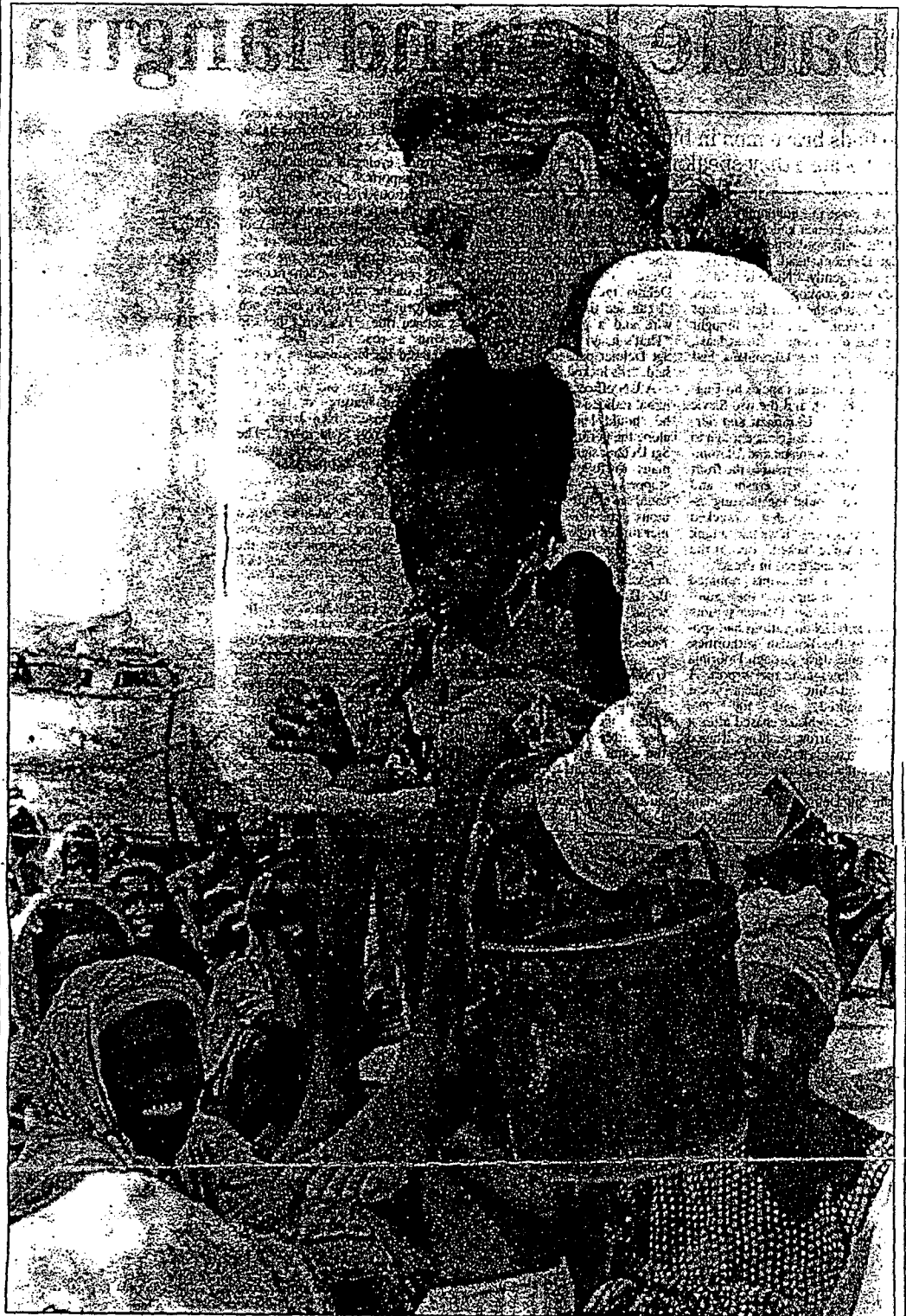
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En apprenant que l'actrice Audrey Hepburn allait leur rendre une visite surprise, les marines américains basés sur le navire « Tarawa », au large des côtes somaliennes, ont décidé de lui faire une surprise : en 90 minutes, ils ont rassemblé 4.000 dollars pour les enfants somaliens frappés par la famine.

Très émue par ce geste de compassion, Miss Hepburn, ambassadrice spéciale de l'Unicef, n'a pu s'empêcher de fondre en larmes lorsque le capitaine du navire lui a remis le chèque au nom de ses hommes. *Photo AP.*

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The actress Audrey Hepburn carrying a child suffering from malnutrition at a feeding centre in Mogadishu, the Somali capital. Hepburn, who is a goodwill ambassador for Unicef, said she was 'very churned up' about the children she had seen dying of hunger. She is touring Somalia with Unicef in an effort to raise awareness of the country's plight

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Hepburn tells harrowing tales of dying Somalis  
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NAIROBI, Sept 24, Reuter - Actress Audrey Hepburn broke down in tears on Thursday after a nightmare visit to Somalia which she termed more harrowing than the suffering she saw in Europe during World War Two.

"In Somalia's second port of Kismayu, all the babies had gone, almost no infants. Mogadishu is totally destroyed," Hepburn told a news conference in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

"I saw more suffering in Somalia than in Europe during the Second World War -- with all the horrifying torture, starvation, atrocities in German camps and exploitation," said Hepburn, the United Nations goodwill ambassador for children.

"I must repeat that the Somali holocaust is the worst human catastrophe in living memory, the world must stand alarmed," said the actress, who also burst into tears earlier in the week when servicemen aboard a U.S. Navy task force off Somalia donated \$4,000 to help the country's starving people.

Hepburn said that there was still hope of saving Somalia's famished millions: "Since I survived five years of torturous life in the Europe of the Second (World) War, there must always be hope for the world's wretched".

"For many the food and drugs may come too late, but for many more, we could still be in time."

Hepburn said she met two young teenage girls at a feeding centre in Mogadishu who had been tied to a tree because they were too traumatised to be left to roam on their own.

In the central town of Baidoa -- which aid workers call "the city of death" -- Hepburn said she witnessed "little skeletons seated in a feeding centre of the Irish aid agency CONCERN -- 45 of them died."

"I walked into a nightmare at this centre. No media reports would have prepared me for the abject misery and devastation. No place on earth could be worse than Baidoa."

Hepburn, who is goodwill ambassador for the U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), said she hoped her visit would help convince donors and Western governments to do more to save Somali children.

Hepburn said a big armed force was not necessarily the answer: "All we need is the process leading to reconciliation of all the feuding parties to be put in motion. More fighting will not help. There must be peace and not war."

The U.N. has authorised the despatch of 3,500 troops to Somalia to protect relief workers and their food aid from gunmen but one of the key warlords, Mohamed Farah Aided, says he will only tolerate the use of 500.

Hepburn said the start of rains in Somalia had come as "bad news" because they spread water-borne diseases and chills which have trebled the death rate among children.

"Before the rains, about 20 children were dying in Baidoa alone daily. Now the morning truck picks up at least 60."

In five years as goodwill ambassador, the 62-year-old actress has traveled to Bangladesh, Ethiopia, El Salvador and Sudan.

Hepburn starred in "Roman Holiday", "Breakfast at Tiffany's", "Funny Face" and "My Fair Lady" but gave up acting to concentrate on her own family and raise funds for the U.N.'s childrens agency.

Aided and self-declared interim president Ali Mahdi Mohamed helped oust dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in January 1991 and then turned on each other in clan-based bloodletting that has wrecked the country and made millions hungry.

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