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# Descent into anarchy

Corpses in the streets. Shots fired at rescue helicopters. Crippled hospitals and crowds of angry citizens. All scenes from an apocalyptic film — now played out for real across a region struggling against anarchy. The mayor of New Orleans issues “a desperate SOS.” The cry is echoed by other officials and residents, all asking: Where’s the government help they need?



By Eric Gay/The Associated Press

The body of a man was left untouched outside the New Orleans Convention Center yesterday as thousands of people who had taken shelter there grew increasingly hostile. Almost 90 police sent to quell the growingly unruly situation at the building were quickly driven back by the angry mob.

## THE LATEST



By Eric Gay/Associated Press

Wrapped against the rain in a blanket, Milvertha Hendricks, 84, waited outside the convention center.

### FLOOD CONTROL | PAGE 2

The White House denies that funding cuts opened the door for disaster in New Orleans.

## EVACUATIONS



By M. Scott Mahaskey/Army Times via AP

Members of the Louisiana National Guard took positions to provide security to evacuees in New Orleans. “Everybody is scared,” said Janice Jones after leaving the New Orleans Superdome.

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The Superdome evacuation is complicated by the arrival of thousands more victims seeking a ride out of town.

## IMPACT



By Amy Smotherman-Burgess/Knoxville News Sentinel via AP

Volunteers unloaded cases of water intended for Hurricane Katrina’s victims from a tractor-trailer rig that collapsed under the water’s weight in Knoxville, Tenn. About a dozen rigs are expected to leave today.

### GAS SUPPLIES | PAGE 5

Although most stations still have fuel, President Bush calls for conservation.

### HOW TO HELP

Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson urged people not to send supplies or equipment directly to the disaster area. The best way to help is to give money to sanctioned volunteer agencies.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has asked that people not go to the area to assist.

A list of organizations accepting cash donations and offers of volunteer help can be found at: [www.fema.gov/press/2005/resources\\_katrina.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/press/2005/resources_katrina.shtm).



By Eric Gay/The Associated Press

A military helicopter tried to land at the convention center to drop off food and water. But the rushing crowd forced it to back off. So troops tossed the supplies to those below and flew away.



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