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By week's end, the Bosnian Serbs were still holding 144 hostages, including 12 Canadians. But another development helped to boost the morale of UN and NATO leaders, who in recent weeks have been repeatedly humiliated by the Bosnian Serbs. As sun rose on the morning of June 8, crack U.S. marine commandos staged a daring rescue of U.S. air force Capt. Scott O'Grady, missing since Serbian fighters shot down his F-16 jet in northwest Bosnia during a NATO air patrol six days earlier.

That aside, developments in the Balkans continued to frustrate and embarrass Western leaders last week. In Brussels, NATO defence ministers met to work out the details of a ``rapid-reaction force'' of about 15,000 British, French and Dutch troops, intended to bolster the United Nations' beleaguered peacekeeping operation. But the tough talk that had accompanied the announced deployment quickly evaporated when it became clear that the new force would have to operate under the existing UN mandate and command structure.

-Illustrates that current mandates set up by the UN for the soldiers to follow are too restricting and it doesn’t allow them to do their job, thus it deterred any additional soldiers from being deployed as it would not improve the situation

The current crisis began three weeks ago when 377 UN soldiers were captured by Bosnian Serbs in retaliation for NATO air strikes.

-This type of aggressive act would usually be countered by another aggressive act of retaliation, however the UN will not allow its soldiers to react and do what they are trained to do (even if it is to defend themselves)

``It is not a fighting force.'' Still, some observers, including several high-ranking Russian officials, have expressed concern that the force will further blur the lines between ``peacekeeping'' and ``peace enforcement''--thereby threatening UN neutrality in the region.

-The lack of clear instructions between what the soldiers are and aren’t allowed to do, either they are peace keeping or peace making, makes their roles very difficult to fill and do “properly” and by regulation

Of the 12 Canadians still held hostage by the Bosnian Serbs, 11 are peacekeepers and one, Capt. Patrick Rechner of Calgary, is a UN monitor. Rechner has been held since May 26, when he was captured and chained to a post at an ammunition dump near Pale, headquarters of the Bosnian Serb army.

-Example of the humiliation and frustration of UN soldiers