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WE WON'T SUCCEUMB TO FEAR, NORWAY, PM SAYS

AFTER MASSACRE

Open, democratic society also can be secure, he says

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OSLO, Norway — The

prime minister of Norway

acknowledged Wednesday

that his country had funda-

mentally changed as a result

of the attacks on a youth

camp and government com-

plex last week, but he

voiced to protect the culture

of openness that is a source

of Norwegian pride.

The attacks have prompt-

ed officials to start reassess-

ing Norway's policy on pub-

lic security, which seemed

defined by the belief that

bad things happen else-

where. Andres Behring Bre-

vik, a self-proclaimed Chris-

tian crusader who has ad-

mitted to the attacks, ap-

peared to face few obstacles

when he detonated a car

bomb on a busy government

plaza last Friday, killing at

least eight people, and then

traveled 19 miles and took a

ferry to the youth camp on

the island of Utoya, where

he slaughtered at least 68

people.

"It's absolutely possible to

have an open, democratic,

inclusive society, and at the

same time have security

measures and not be naive,"

the prime minister, Jens

Stoltenberg, said in Oslo. "I

think what we have seen is

that there is going to be one

Norway before and one Nor-

way after July 22," he said.

"But I hope and also believe

that the Norway we will see

after will be more open, a

to distinguish between ex-

treme views, opinions —

that's completely legal, le-

gitimate to have. What is

not legitimate is to try to im-

plement those extreme

views by using violence," he

said in English.

Stoltenberg also said the

government would create a

commission independent of

the police to inves-

tigate the attacks

and law-enforce-

ment agencies re-

spond to them.

The police have

come under fire for

the seemingly slow

pace of their re-

sponse. It took

SWAT commandos

about 90 minutes

to reach the island,

and then

a delay that critics

say likely cost dozens of

lives. Helicopters were un-

available, and police had to

commandeer civilian boats

to reach the island.

Police officers from the

precinct in Honefoss, close

to Utoya, offered new de-

tails about the operation

Wednesday.

Havard Gasbak, the duty

commander at the precinct,

said 10 commandos took

two civilian boats to reach

the island. By the time po-

lice officers arrived, Breivik

seemed satisfied with the

extent of his killing. They

left the island a few

days before the

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