

U.N. says ceasefire and government agreed in Rwanda

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UNITED NATIONS, April 8 (Reuter) - Agreement has been reached on a cease-fire in civil war-torn Rwanda and various factions have agreed on the appointment of an interim government, Security Council President Colin Keating of New Zealand said Friday.

Reporting an improvement on the situation in the course of the day, he told reporters : "Agreement has been reached on a ceasefire and as of half-an-hour ago I was informed that there was significant improvement in the security situation by comparison with 24 hours ago.

"On the political front, there has been agreement on, and promulgation of, a decision ... of the appointment of an interim government and an acting or interim president and prime minister, and five ministers have been named," Keating added.

He said the situation outside Kigali was relatively calm while within the capital itself "the security situation has continued to improve, although I suspect it is still far from good."

Keating said Red Cross workers had access during the day to many parts of Kigali, to take wounded to hospital.

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