

# Germans leave Rwanda in convoy

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BONN, April 9 (Reuter) - The German Foreign Ministry said on Saturday that about one third of the 300 German nationals living in Rwanda had left the country by convoy.

A ministry spokesman said about 100 people, mainly aid workers, had travelled by road from southern Rwanda to Bujumbura, capital of neighbouring Burundi.

A Belgian radio correspondent earlier reported that foreigners and aid workers travelling in three convoys of about 100 cars fled the southern Rwandan town of Butare and crossed the border into Burundi.

The correspondent said Butare was calm but that the convoys had left in case the civil war and ethnic bloodletting spread to the area.

In Bonn, the foreign ministry spokesman said the evacuation of the remaining Germans in the Rwandan capital Kigali would be conducted in conjunction with plans by France and Belgium to pull their citizens out of the Rwandan capital Kigali as the country lurches towards all-out civil war.

French troops flew 43 nationals to safety on Saturday.

Belgium has also sent crack paratroops to Rwanda its former African colony and U.S. military aircraft and Marines are on standby in Kenya and Burundi to evacuate American citizens.

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